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Nine-year old Andrea Oswald Reyes Borja checks out one of the entries for the 5th Christmas Tree Decoration Contest yesterday night at the Paseo de Marianas in Garapan. A total of 16 elementary schools participated in the annual event sponsored by PDM Promoters Inc.

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'It's always good to assess NMI political status periodically'

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A United Nations adviser and expert on political self-determination said yesterday it is always good for the CNMI, or any other insular area, to assess its political status periodically to take into

consideration recent developments, including the federal takeover of local immigration.

However, despite the federal takeover of CNMI border control in 2009, Dr. Carlyle Corbin said the CNMI remains the most autonomous, self-governing of

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There can be a domino effect of failures in the power plant.

—Abe Utu Malae, Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director

DUE TO DELAYED OVERHAUL

CUC engines on course to crash

» 3 of 7 generators beyond overhaul schedule

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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Saipan could soon go back to the days of frequent power outages if the scheduled overhaul of power engines is delayed any further.

According to Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Abe Utu Malae yesterday,

power generation on Saipan is on course to crash due to the stalled overhaul.

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Stanley calls for House shakeup

» Froilan says he's stepping down anyway
» Benavente eyed as new speaker

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Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) is calling for a reorganization of the 17th House of Representatives to pave the

way for Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) to step down.

Torres said yesterday he will vote for minority leader Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan) to become speaker again when

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United Nations expert Dr. Carlyle Corbin, center, speaks to former CNMI House speaker Pedro Deleon Guerrero, right, while former Guam senator Dr. Hope Cristobal, left, looks on shortly before Corbin made a presentation before 12 lawmakers in the House chamber on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon.

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Local

7 autonomous agencies ink payment deals with Fund

Seven of 10 autonomous agencies that were delinquent in their retirement employer contributions for many years are now up-to-date in their obligations after signing a payment agreement with the NMI Retirement Fund.

Retirement Fund legal coun-

sel Viola Alepuyo and internal auditor Esther Ada disclosed during Tuesday's board of trustees meeting that these autonomous agencies are the Marianas Visitors Authority, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Commonwealth Development

Authority, Northern Marianas Housing Corp., Department of Public Lands, Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission, and Tinian Municipal Treasury.

Only the Public School System, Northern Marianas College, and Commonwealth Utilities

Corp. remain on the delinquent list, according to Fund officials.

However, Alepuyo said, the Fund is in the process of "reconciling" records with these three and may soon come up with a similar payment agreement.

Saipan Tribune learned that the central government had absorbed the unpaid employer

contributions of MVA, which owed the Fund \$675,292 as of August this year.

Fund officials hinted that the central government may also absorb the same obligations of PSS and NMC since their employer contribution funding is also sourced from the general fund.

Alepuyo said that CDA,

NMHC, DPL, and CPA are now up-to-date on their contributions, while payment terms were recently signed with the Tinian gaming commission and Tinian Municipal Treasury.

As of Aug. 31 this year, PSS owed the Fund \$17.6 million; NMC, \$6.1 million; and CUC, \$3.3 million. **(Moneth Deposa)**

OAG wants convict's probation revoked

The Office of the Attorney General wants the probation of a man who burglarized an apartment and two government agencies on Tinian in 2006 be revoked.

Assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher asked the Superior Court to revoke the probation of Jose B. Manglona af-

ter the Office of Adult Probation found out that the probationer has failed to comply with some conditions of his probation.

The Superior Court ordered the 35-year-old Manglona to appear at the Tinian Superior Court on Dec. 10, 2010, for a revocation hearing.

Court records show that Manglona was convicted of burglary in February 2007. He was ordered to spend 45 days in prison but was given credit for the 11 days he spent in jail.

The court placed Manglona on three years of probation on Feb. 2, 2007; it expired on Feb. 2, 2010.

A probation officer, however, found out that Manglona has

failed to meet some conditions of his probation, including paying restitution to his victims: \$3,150 to Russell Long and \$627 to the Tinian Department of Lands and Natural Resources. Manglona also failed to pay \$50 and \$225 for his probation fee and fine.

He has another 18.25 hours remaining on his community service.

Manglona burglarized Long's apartment at Carolinas Heights on Tinian on May 5, 2006, and stole appliances and jewelry, including a wedding ring owned by the victim's father.

Manglona also confessed to draining half a gallon of gasoline

from one of DPW's lawnmowers and stealing a water dispenser and an air-conditioning unit from DLNR on May 19, 2006.

Manglona told police he traded some of the stolen items with another person for marijuana. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

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Christmas trees light up Paseo

The holiday spirit was in high gear last night at Paseo de Marianas in Garapan as community members and tourists enjoyed a Christmas program that included the judging of entries for the 5th Christmas Tree Decoration Contest.

Judges for the contest were first lady Josie Fitial, Jerry Tan of Fiesta Resort & Spa, Marian Aldan-Pierce of DFS Saipan, James Nelson of Docomo Pacific, Gordon Marciano of PDI, Tina Palacios of Sorensen Media Group, Martin Dueñas of the Marianas Visitors Authority, Lisa Huynh Eller and Joe Kaipat of the Division of Environmental Quality, and Ruel Villacrusis of RNV Construction.

The annual tree decorating

event, organized by PDM Promoters Inc., is the group's primary activity to celebrate the holiday season.

This year, 16 participating elementary schools are competing for the grand prize of \$5,000.

All participants decorated a Christmas tree measuring 9 feet tall using recycled materials such as water bottles, soda cans, Styrofoam containers, and trash bags.

Participating schools are the Tanapag, Koblerville, Dandan, Garapan, San Vicente, William S. Reyes, Oleai, Gregorio T. Camacho, Kagman, and San Antonio elementary schools, Agape Christian School,

Golden Harvest International School, Joshua Generation International Academy, Green Meadow School, Grace Christian Academy, and Saipan Community School.

Sonia Siwa of PDM Promoters told Saipan Tribune that the winners of the contest will be announced on Dec. 16.

Yesterday's activities also featured a mini-Christmas Caroling Concert, performances by local groups, and the launching of the Let's Tie A Ribbon campaign, which allows community members to write their wishes and hang them on the giant Christmas tree at the Paseo. *(Clarissa David)*

PSS, DCCA hammering out a solution to juvenile education

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs and the Public School System are expected to soon sign a joint resolution that will iron out the ongoing concerns for young inmates at the Kagman Juvenile Detention Facility.

DCCA Secretary Melvin Faisao confirmed yesterday that PSS communicated with him Monday its willingness to provide instructors for detained youths.

2 security guards sue employer

Dekada Movement president Bonifacio V. Sagana and another security guard are suing their former employer for alleged discrimination and retaliation.

Sagana and Miguel B. Lagare, both Filipinos, sued G4S Security Services Inc. yesterday for violation of Title VII of Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

The two, through counsel Stephen C. Woodruff, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order G4S to pay them damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Saipan Tribune tried to obtain comments from G4S but no one was available to comment.

Faisao said special assistant Esther Fleming is taking the lead in finalizing the agreement with PSS.

"With the assistance of [Fleming], a joint resolution maybe signed in the coming days," Faisao told Saipan Tribune yesterday.

The Juvenile Detention Unit is under DCCA's supervision, but PSS provides teachers for the detainees as part of a memorandum of agreement

Woodruff stated in the complaint that Lagare's contract with G4S was not renewed because the company preferred to replace him with a U.S. citizen.

Lagare said that, based on his experience with G4S, he believes Filipino security guards as a class have been systematically discriminated against by G4S because of their race, ethnicity, and national origin. Lagare, 49, also believes that his age was also a factor in his separation.

Sagana said the company would also give Bangladeshi employees more desirable work assignments and more opportunities to work overtime than Filipino employees. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

that has already expired. Detained juveniles failed to get any instructional services for more than five months starting in September 2009 through February this year.

The detention facility has three classrooms that could accommodate nine students each. On average seven to nine juveniles must receive instruction at the facility.

Faisao confirmed yesterday that DCCA has received inquiries from the U.S. Department of Education on matters related to the Part B requirements of the Individual with Disability Education Act. "DCCA will continue to collaborate with PSS in ensuring that IDEA requirements are met," said Faisao. *(Moneth Deposa)*

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44-percent increase in November vehicle sales

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Christmas came early to automotive dealers as new vehicle sales jumped by 44 percent in November, after a 5-percent drop in October.

The Commonwealth Auto Dealers Association sold 46 new cars, vans, trucks and sport utility vehicles in November, compared to 32 last year during the same month.

The 46 units sold in November brings to 545 the total number of ve-

hicles sold in the first 11 months of the year, which also marks a 35-percent increase in year-to-date sales.

Micro Corp. again topped the sales chart with 18 units sold in November; however, this marked a 5-percent drop from the same month last year.

Despite the decline in monthly sales, Micro still posts a 39-percent increase in its January to November sales compared to the same period last year or from 168 to 234. Micro is the authorized distributor of Toyotas and Chevrolets.

Joeten Motors, the authorized dealer of Nissan, Ford, Honda and Kia, sold 17 units in November, a 183-percent increase from a year ago. Its year-to-date sales reached 189, a 49-percent jump from last year's 127.

Triple J Motors sold 11 vehicles in November, but still a 57-percent increase from the same month last year. The distributor of Hyundai, Mitsubishi, Isuzu and Suzuki, Triple J Motors posted an 11-percent increase in its January to November sales of 122 units compared to the same period

last year's 110.

Cars again dominated the sales market in November. Of the 46 vehicles sold last month, 26 were cars, 10 were trucks, eight were SUVs, and two were vans.

Mazda3 topped the sales chart among cars with six sold in November. Other cars sold were four Honda Civic; three units each of Mazda2, Toyota Corolla, and Toyota Yaris; two units each of Ford Fiesta and Toyota Camry; and one unit each of Honda Accord, Nissan Maxima and Nissan Sentra.

Of the 10 trucks sold, six were

Toyota Tacoma, and two each of Ford Ranger and Nissan Frontier.

Among SUVs, Nissan Rogue was the most saleable with three units sold in November. CADA also sold one unit each of Kia Sportage, Mazda CX7, Mazda CX9, Toyota 4 Runner and Toyota RAV4.

CADA sold only two trucks in November, and they were both Toyota Siennas.

The three-member CADA also sold 257 secondhand or used vehicles between January and November, 10 of which were sold in November alone.

Camacho appointed to another post

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, when he was acting governor last month, designated the governor's special assistant for disability policy and programs, Thomas J. Camacho, to another post.

Camacho is now also the official state liaison for the U.S. Social Security Administration's Federal Disability Office.

As state liaison, Camacho has the authority to coordinate future stakeholder

meetings and follow up on requests for medical evidence with the Commonwealth Health Center or the Department of Public Health.

Camacho is now also authorized to coordinate psycho-educational evaluation assistance. Inos said SSA is willing to pay the school or consultative examination provider to be conducted by someone with Ph.D. at a reasonable rate. *(Haidee V. Eugenio)*



PINNING CEREMONY

Students of Northern Marianas College's School of Education pose for a group photo after the recently held School of Education Pinning Ceremony. From left to right, back row, are Calvin Snodgrass, Winni Cabera, Vern Reyes, Shawna Chong, Myungah Ko, Katherine Mersai, Angelina Yobeck, Victorette Camacho, Francis Castro, and Franklain Palacios. From left to right, front row, are Meena Benavente, Joey Mostalos, Desiree Masga, Patrick Antonio, and Walter Mendez. The pinning ceremony is held every semester to signify that students have completed their courses and that they are ready to become educators.

NMC

STATUS

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five U.S. territories.

"Just comparing the political relationship—and this is of course prior to the changes—that the model, as it was initiated, signed and adopted, was very autonomous and it provided for internal self-government, far greater than the rest of the other U.S. territories," he told *Saipan Tribune* in a brief interview after his presentation before 12 local lawmakers on small island governance.

Among other things, the CNMI indigenous population still has full control of its lands as exemplified by the land alienation provision of its constitution.

"The CNMI is probably the most autonomous model of all of us," he said, compared to American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam.

American Samoa, he said, seems to be at the opposite end of the spectrum because the U.S. Department of the Interior has veto power over the territory, a statement echoed by Senate floor leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan).

House minority leader Diego Bena-

vente (R-Saipan) said the CNMI, in his opinion, may not be the most autonomous territory after the federal takeover of local immigration.

Corbin, an international adviser on global governance and former minister of state for external affairs of the U.S. Virgin Islands, said in his "observation," it is about time the CNMI assess its political status.

"I guess it is time to look at it. It is not a recommendation but an observation. It's always good to assess periodically and I think in some cases even constitutions have a requirement to assess every five years or every 10 years. Assessment is always good," he said in an interview.

Corbin has served as a United Nations expert on self-determination for over a decade, and as an independent expert for the UN Development Programme on U.S. missions to Bermuda and to the Turks and Caicos.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), who has been pushing for a re-examination of the U.S.-CNMI relations, particularly whether a "commonwealth" status is still desired by people under the terms of the original Covenant agreement, echoed Corbin's observations about the assessment of the is-

lands' political status.

"I am not advocating for independence but I want the U.S. and the CNMI to come to the negotiating table and for the U.S. to fulfill its promise. To quote former justice Jesse Borja, the U.S. is supposed to provide the CNMI people with a standard of living comparable to that in the mainland," said Torres, whose attempts since 1997 to create a Second Marianas Political Status Commission had always been rejected.

Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) also said Corbin is right about the need to assess the islands' political status from time to time, "and to involve the younger generation in the discussion of the CNMI's future."

Prior to meeting with lawmakers, Corbin also made a courtesy call on Gov. Benigno R. Fitial on Capital Hill yesterday.

Former Guam senator Dr. Hope Cristobal facilitated Corbin's visit to the CNMI after visiting Guam. Also accompanying Corbin and Cristobal yesterday to Saipan was attorney Julian Aguon.

Corbin is the author of two UN studies on the participation of non-independent countries in the UN system.

11-member House majority, along with three independents and seven Covenant Party members.

However, Torres and Tenorio had a falling out when Torres did not sign a leadership letter appointing former senator Maria Frisca Pangelinan as new Legislative Bureau director.

Besides Torres, Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) is also no longer with the majority after Tenorio removed her as chair of the Natural Resources Committee for voting with the Republican minority.

Torres' pronouncements came a

day after Tenorio said the majority is now the minority after Torres and Santos sided with the minority.

Benavente, however, does not want to comment on the matter.

If there will be a new election of officers on Tuesday, Benavente will be facing off with Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), who has been eyeing speaker's post.

However, other members said it may still be a split 10-10 in the House because Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), who has been siding with the majority, may not necessarily vote for a Republican candidate.

CUC

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Saipan has three power plants in Lower Base, with a combined total of 21 engines, although a few units are not working right now.

CUC customers have been experiencing unscheduled power disruptions in recent weeks and Malae said these are already the first signs of overdue repair and overhaul work.

He cited the lack of funds to buy needed engine parts as the major reason for the delayed overhaul. Just for three engines alone, Malae estimates that about \$700,000 is needed.

CUC revenues generated from its customers are being used for operation, including personnel and all other expenses.

Cause for concern

Malae disclosed that the 15-minute outage early this week on two feeders—including Capital Hill—was due to an alternator catching fire at Power Plant 4, which is being run by an independent power producer.

Even more serious were the three power disruptions the previous week during the wee hours and once last Sunday, all of which were directly related to delayed generator overhauls that were scheduled from mid-2009.

Malae said engine No. 8 was supposed to undergo a major overhaul starting January 2010 but that hasn't happened yet.

"If the overhaul is delayed much longer, irreparable damage to the crankshaft may occur such as what happened about five years ago to engine No. 4—it was 24,000 hours beyond its scheduled major overhaul," said Malae.

He said the recent outages were "the first power generation-related disruptions in 15 months and are a cause for concern because, as power generation goes, so goes power distribution, water and sewer services."

Saipan Tribune learned that CUC's oldest engines are already 30 years. Engine No. 2 at Power Plant 1 has over 24 years of running hours.

Malae said these machines have another seven to 10 years of good service remaining but they cannot operate much longer without a major overhaul.

He said three of the seven generators at Power Plant 1 are thousands of hours beyond the 36,000-hour major overhaul point.

"There can be a domino effect of failures in the power plant. Engine No. 8 is offline and its scheduled overhaul is delayed by 11 months. Engine No. 2 has exceeded its scheduled overhaul hour but cannot be taken off until engine No. 8 is overhauled; similarly, engine No. 3 then becomes overdue, and so forth," Malae said, explaining why a disaster is brewing on Saipan.

Insufficient financing

To stave off this potential disaster, Malae disclosed that CUC must secure sufficient financing for power plant operations and the agency's chief financial chief is now working on this.

The declining economy is also hampering the agency's collection efforts and its collectibles has already reached a significant amount, Malae said.

"Try collecting money from customers in this depressed economy. True, we have the hammer of disconnection but we try to avoid getting to that point. We must even play catch-up with the fuel surcharge [LEAC], which is under-collecting. The fuel price rises and we still are passing on to customers the lower prices from the previous six months," he said.

Because of the high electricity rates, Malae said only those customers who can afford the high rates remain on the grid, while the low use residential customers enjoy subsidized rates.

Theft of service has also increased, he said.

CUC has been under a state of emergency since 2008.

STANLEY

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a new voting occurs on Tuesday. Benavente served as speaker before he was elected lieutenant governor.

Tenorio, in a separate interview yesterday, said he does not have a problem with the reorganization since he's stepping down anyway.

Torres said he will make a motion during Tuesday's scheduled session to reorganize the House and call for an election of officers.

Torres used to be a part of the

'Govendo case much larger than just adios muchacho'

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The disciplinary matter against Superior Court Kenneth L. Govendo is much larger than just "adios muchacho," according to the CNMI Supreme Court.

In sanctioning Govendo, the justices said that Govendo has attempted to characterize the disciplinary proceedings as a referendum on the phrase "adios muchacho."

"While the phrase does have a racially derogatory meaning both to Chamorros and Filipinos, the real problem with 'adios muchacho' only comes into focus when the statements from the two adoption cases are reviewed alongside it," said the Supreme Court opinion penned Wednesday by associate justice Alexander C. Castro, and justices pro tem Edward Manibusan and Vern P. Perez.

Govendo made the "adios muchacho" remarks in Roger Castillo's domestic abuse case. In that hearing, the judge threatened the Filipino farmer with criminal prosecution and deportation.

The justices said that Govendo's statements in the two adoption cases were racially insensitive, and racially stereotyped all Filipinos as wanting to adopt all of their relatives in order to give them a better life in the CNMI.

The justices pointed out that, while the Supreme Court was clear in its disposition order that it does not believe that Govendo is racist, and the recommendation of investigating judge Rich-

ard H. Benson and the Special Ethics Prosecutor Bruce A. Bradley similarly stated that there is no evidence of Govendo harboring actual racial prejudice, when the two adoption statements and the "adios muchacho" statement are viewed together, "a neutral observer could reasonably infer racial bias or prejudice or the appearance of such bias."

"This caused us to hold that Judge Govendo violated the applicable canons and rules. Thus, not a single finding from the summary judgment order concerned only 'adios muchacho'—all of the violations relied on other statements made by Judge Govendo, or other aspects of the Castillo statement," the justices said.

The justices noted that Govendo has been nationally recognized for his excellent efforts to protect victims of domestic violence. All of Govendo's witnesses testified he is a good family court judge, and that he is a well-liked and well-respected member of the judiciary, the justices said.

"If it were not for the statements brought to the court's attention, there would be nothing negative about his time on the bench," the justices said.

As part of his sanctions, Govendo was ordered to complete an educational program on judicial ethics at his own expense. He was also required to write a letter of apology to the people of the CNMI for making these statements.

The justices also ordered that Govendo be reassigned

from the Family Court Division for a year. The reassignment shall be done at the direction of Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja within 60 days.

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Narvaez, Estrellado win wellness poster-making contest

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Glimpses of Saipan presented awards to the winners of the recently concluded Health & Wellness poster-making contest on Dec. 1 at the Transpacific Business Center conference room.

Winners for the 11 and under

division were Angelica Narvaez, first place with 26 points; Seung Yeon Han, second place with 24 points; and Michelle Palacios, third place with 21 points.

For the 12-and-over category, the winners were Janet Estrellado, first with 34 points; Downen Jocson, second with 32 points; and Josie Santos,

third with 26 points.

Narvaez, 11, said she loves designing clothes and her favorite subject is art. "I joined other contests in the previous year and I thought it would be cool to join this, too," she said.

A student of Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, Narvaez was accompanied by prin-



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Winners of the Health & Wellness poster-making contest receive their prizes from Transpacific International Inc. group business manager Glen D. Hunter, vice president Stella T. Fong, and IT&E wireless marketing associate Nola Hix.

cipal Charlotte Camacho when she claimed her prizes that included two cases of milk, \$25 Lollipop certificate, Pacific Islands Club waterpark passes for two, \$30 Docomo call cards, Scoops coupons, IT&E chair, and assorted toys.

Camacho said they were very excited to have one of their stu-

dents win the contest. "It's all about wellness. With PSS, it's all about producing these well-rounded individuals and of course, in order for them to learn, they have to be well," she added.

Thirteen-year old Estrellado said she was very shocked to learn that she won.

Accompanied by her father

and sister, the 8th grader brought home two cases of Foremost Milk, \$25 Athlete's Foot certificate, PIC waterpark passes for two, \$30 Docomo call cards, 4 Scoops coupons, 1 IT&E chair, IT&E gift pack, assorted toys, a wallet, and a medal.

Transpacific International Inc. vice president Stella T. Fong, group business manager Glen D. Hunter, and IT&E wireless marketing associate Nola Hix awarded the prizes.

Sponsors for the event were Foremost, Subway, Scoops, IT&E, Gold's Gym, Lollipops, The Athlete's Foot, Boarderline, All Star Sporting Goods, PIC, Docomo Pacific, Topnotch, Marianas Visitors Authority, and Saipan World Resort.



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The golf clubs were valued at over \$2,000. They included a driver, a set of 9 irons, a putter, and six pairs of golf gloves, all in an orange and black walking golf bag with the words "Gold Mountain 2006 Amateur Open" printed on the golf bag.

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Bid to move Hillbroom suit to Guam denied

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REPORTER

The federal court has denied Guam lawyer David J. Lujan's bid to transfer to Guam the lawsuit filed against him by his former client, the son of late

business tycoon Larry Lee Hillbloom of DHL fame.

Lujan had more success, however, in his bid to have two of the six claims in the Junior Larry Hillbloom lawsuit dismissed.

Lujan had argued that all of

the alleged actions that gave rise to the claims against him occurred outside of California, therefore the suit has no place in a CNMI court.

In his order issued Tuesday, however, U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge David O. Carter said the critical witnesses in this case—Lujan, Hillbloom, Keith Waibel, and Naoko Imeong—are not concentrated in Guam; on the contrary, they can be found in the continental United States, Guam, and potentially the CNMI.

Carter said the costs of litigation are significantly lower in the CNMI.

Waibel served as trustee for Junior Larry Hillbloom. Imeong was Hillbloom's grandmother and guardian.

First off, Carter said, counsel for both parties are located in Southern California and can appear for hearings in California before any of the many California judges who sits by designation in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Second, Carter said, transferring this lawsuit to Guam would force the district court there to use up tremendous and duplicative resources to familiarize itself with this complex case.

The judge, however, granted Lujan's motion to dismiss Hillbloom's claims for civil conspiracy and violations of

California Business & Professions Code. Carter said since "there is no substantive tort of civil conspiracy" under CNMI law, Hillbloom's claim for civil conspiracy must be dismissed.

On the other claim, the judge said Hillbloom alleges that he is a resident of Idaho, and not California. Carter said none of the conduct giving rise to any of Hillbloom's claims occurred in California.

Hillbloom's other claims against Lujan are legal malpractice, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

According to Hillbloom's complaint, Lujan and his conspirators were not happy with the contingency fee capped by the Hillbloom probate court so they took several steps to increase the attorney's contingency fee from 38 percent to 56 percent without informing him.

Lujan used to serve as lead counsel for Hillbloom in his claims against the estate of Hillbloom.

Hillbloom died in a plane crash off Anatahan waters on May 21, 2005. He left behind an estimated \$600 million to \$700 million estate. After the Hillbloom probate opened in 1995, eight children, including Hillbloom, filed heirship and paternity claims against the estate.

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AGENDA

1. **Preliminary Matters**
 - A. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - B. Introductions
 - C. Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Govt. Act, 1 CMC § 9901 et seq.)
2. **Old Business**
 - A. Final Approval of March 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes
3. **Executive Director's Report**
 - A. Publications / Upcoming Products
 - B. Product Sales
 - C. Website Reconstruction
 - D. Grant Information
 - E. Staffing Matters
 - F. FY '10-'11 Budget Request
 - G. Commission Newsletters
4. **New Business**
 - A. House Bill 17-124
5. **Other Business**
6. **Adjournment**

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Dec. 3, 1998

'Low PSS budget shouldn't be a damper'

Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider said a low budget should not be tied to quality education and should instead be taken as a challenge by the Public School System to deliver more for less. "If private schools can do it cheaper, then the challenge is for public schools to outperform them at its current level of appropriation," said Hofschneider, the chairman of the House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare. Hofschneider renewed his support for the school system, saying: "Until we have concluded with our goals and objectives on how best to improve upon our system, then they have my undivided attention and unwavering support for greater portion of the appropriation."

Bill for legislative role in 902 talks gets House OK

The House of Representatives has passed a bill that will allow wider participation of legislators in the consultation talks under Section 902 of the Covenant, empowering them to either approve or reject an agreement reached with the United States. But the proposed measure, which heads to the Senate for action, does not completely eliminate discretion by the CNMI governor to sign any accord despite rejection by local legislators. Under House Bill 11-298, the legislature will have to point out their objections and make recommendations to the governor for his consideration before forging the agreement with the U.S. representatives.

Dec. 3, 1999

NMC told to tap federal funds for SBDC

The Northern Marianas College should seek federal funding for its graduate internship program under the Business Development Center to offset the loss of local funds provided annually by the Commonwealth Development Authority. This was the reaction of Rep. Karl T. Reyes to the termination of the grant agreement between NMC and CDA on the heels of brewing controversy over the college's Small Business Development Center. "It is incumbent upon the college to look for federal grants to fund the program which is truly meant for local businesses," he said in an interview yesterday.

Upgrade of West Tinian Airport terminal starts

After years of struggling to finance the upgrade of West Tinian Airport, work on the construction of a new \$20 million dollar runway will soon begin as the Commonwealth Ports Authority board and local leaders moved to get the project going. Currently, Tinian's airport terminal is undergoing an upgrade with total expansion project cost of \$475,000. The plan now includes a redesigned departure area, a small-enclosed restaurant, a separate building for a rental car concession and a covered walkway to connect it all. Tinian board member Raynaldo M. Cing sought the support of his fellow board members for the financing needed to get the project moving. After the groundbreaking ceremony on the terminal expansion was held in January 1999, Mr. Cing pursued a much larger project, the construction of a new runway.

Dec. 3, 2001

New Saipan magazine launched

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NMI hopes to regulate nursing practice

In a bid to uniformly establish the practice of nursing in the CNMI, the House of Representatives passed during Thursday's session a bill that would provide a comprehensive regulation system in the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth. The new measure, to be known as the "Nurse Practice Act of 2001," effectively repeals Public Law 3-29, which is the current law being implemented for the nursing profession. According to Rep. Malua T. Peter, the bill's author, the proposed law aims to regulate the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth through the establishment of a Board of Nurse Examiners.



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Ex-convict chokes, punches wife

The Superior Court has imposed a 30-day prison term on an ex-convict who, despite being on federal probation, beat up his common-law wife.

In a written order issued Tuesday, associate judge Ramona V. Manglona sentenced Francisco Nakatsukasa Basa to six months in prison, all suspended except for 30 days, with credit for the two days the 35-year-old Basa had already served in jail.

Basa will start serving his sentence on Jan. 2, 2011. Once he gets out, he will be placed on probation for six months.

Manglona also ordered Basa to pay a \$100 fine, \$25 court assessment fee, and \$60 probation fee.

Basa was also required to perform 50 hours of community service and report to the Community Guidance Center for evaluation following his release.

Basa pleaded guilty to assault and battery (a crime involving domestic violence) as part of a plea bargain.

The case arose from an incident on May 23, 2010, when Basa choked and punched his victim in the face.

Detective Buddy Igitol stated in his report that Basa threatened to beat up his brother-in-law after a drinking session at Dandan Homestead. Basa's wife tried to stop him from fighting and he turned on her, choking and punching her in the face.

In 2006, the U.S. District Court for the NMI sentenced Basa to four years and six months in prison after being convicted of conspiracy to distribute 50 grams of "ice." He was placed on five years of supervised probation after serving his sentence. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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An investment in the American Dream

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They arrived in their mother's arms, or perhaps they were old enough to go to school but always too young to have a say in their family's plans. Now, years later, they are poised to go to college or enter the military and become productive Americans.

Except they can't because their parents years ago overstayed their visas or entered the United States illegally.

In the charged political environment that is Washington today these young people's futures—and our nation's economic potential—are being held hostage to political posturing of the worst kind.

The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, known as the Dream Act, has had bipartisan support in Congress since it was first introduced in 2001. It has had majority support, in fact, but the Senate's 60-vote cloture rule on filibusters has stopped common sense on immigration reform.

That can change today.

The Dream Act would apply only to young adults who arrived as minors before age 16, have been in the United States for at least five years and are on track to go to college and get, at minimum, a two-year degree, or serve in the U.S. military with an honorable discharge. Their reward would be a green card with the potential for U.S. citizenship years later.

They didn't decide to come to this country as children, but over the years these young people have been immersed in all things American. Some can't even speak their parents' language, know little about their homeland's history and consider themselves American. Some didn't even learn that they were here without papers until they applied for college and were told by their parents they had no papers.

Republicans who once supported the Dream Act say the nation needs to protect its borders first before immigration reform legislation can be considered. But it shouldn't be an either/or. Both issues can be tackled.

There are as many as 2.5 million young people who might qualify for legal status if the Dream Act passes. In all likelihood, the legislation would benefit closer to one million immigrants because not all are planning on college or the military.

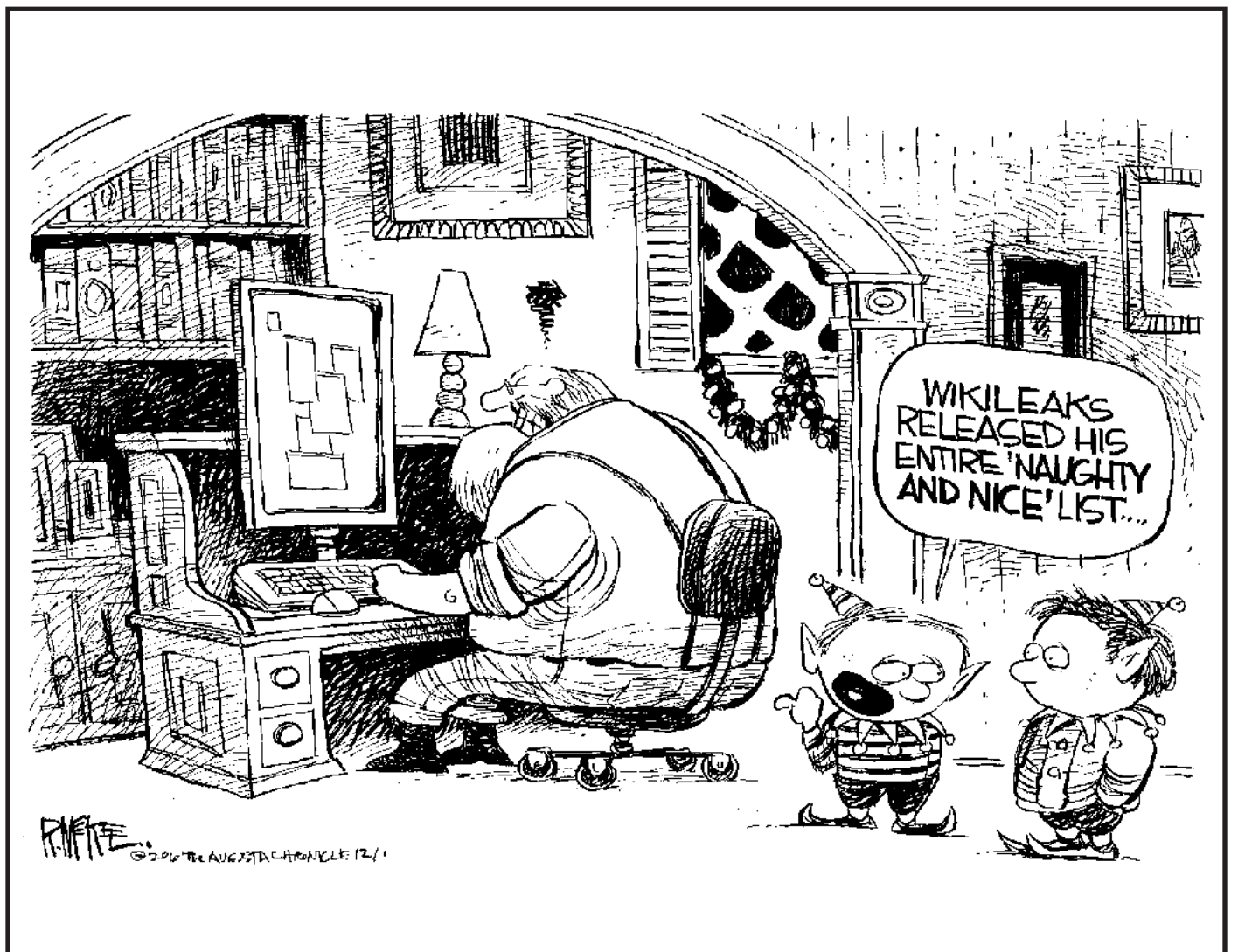
That's even more reason to back the Dream Act. It is narrowly tailored to benefit the brightest, most patriotic of immigrants. They would have to work—either in school or in the military—to earn legal status. Isn't that precisely what key GOP senators have been saying should happen?

Florida Sen. George LeMieux, whose appointment to the Senate ends after the lame-duck session, has an opportunity to lead on this issue. He's concerned that the maximum age to qualify for the Dream Act—35—is too broad. Perhaps that's a point of compromise.

So is border protection, and Democrats, led by Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin, have to be willing to do more on that front in exchange for the Dream Act.

GOP senators complained before the Nov. 2 election that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, who won a tough race in Nevada thanks to Latino voters' support, played politics with the Dream Act when it was included in a Defense Department authorization bill. Now the bill stands alone—and still maintains popular support across party lines.

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Pyongyang's four unique points of vulnerability

Although North Korea's attack last week on the island of Yeonpyeong was the first time since the Korean War that it has directed artillery fire on South Korean land, targeting civilians and homes, it follows a long pattern of calculated acts designed to compel South Korea and the United States to resort to crisis management; that is, to reward the North for little more than temporarily backing down. The response by Seoul and Washington this time should be to impose a palpable penalty on Pyongyang.

North Korea, by its own choice, is unique in the world. It is the world's sole communist dynasty, the sole industrialized-cum-literate but famine-stricken society, the most militarized country, arguably the most systematic violator of human rights and the most isolated economy. Yet, this nation of singular category—a "G-1"—has again, with another deadly attack on South Korea, managed to make itself relevant to the world's major nations.

To ascribe Pyongyang's actions primarily to puerility or perversity would be to repeat the errors of taking a one-dimensional, patronizing view of the Kim Jong Il regime. The North Korean leadership, as outlandish as it is, resorts to periodic confrontations based on a careful calculation of potential costs and benefits. And very little in the response from South Korea or the United States to past offenses would strike the Kim regime as a deterrent to further provocation.

In fact, if the past is any guide, Pyongyang's aggressive actions have a high probability of pushing its adversaries to engage the provoker even more vigorously. Over the last dozen years, in virtually every instance of North Korean offense against the South—even after serious strategic provocations, such as the North's intermediate ballistic missile launch in 1998 and its first nuclear test in 2006—Seoul and Washington have pledged to deliver to Pyongyang even bigger blandishments.

Such responses by South Korea and the U.S. reflect the two countries' preference for damage-control diplomacy over confrontation with Pyongyang. However, pragmatism aside, beneath the surface of such consideration flows a steady stream of condescension, the notion that Seoul and Washington can eventually coax the Kim regime to make bold concessions on fundamental state priorities, such as dismantling nuclear weapons or adopting meaningful economic reforms—both central to the question of regime preservation.

In the ever-challenging contest for pan-Korean legitimacy against the stunningly more successful Seoul, Pyongyang's options for long-term survival are severely constrained. For, as long as the South Korean state exists—as an attractive alternative Korean nation for the North Korean people—the Kim regime will not relinquish the key to staying in power and staying relevant to the world's great powers, which is to control its people through extreme repression and gain economic and political concessions from abroad through

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nuclear extortion.

It's time to abandon the patronizing view that North Korean strategists merely "react" to signals—no matter how hostile or conciliatory—from Seoul or Washington, and instead focus on Pyongyang's unique points of vulnerability.

The Kim clan must cope with four systemic problems: dynastic succession, an inherently challenging task for a regime beset by severe economic stresses; the long-term dependency on foreign aid because of the inability of its economy to feed the population; the dependence on illicit international transactions to maintain Pyongyang's palace economy that supplies the elites, which means having to commit resources to evade U.S.-led financial sanctions; and the increasing information flow into the country, which undermines the regime's totalitarian control of the public.

The only way to end North Korea's cycle of provocation-negotiation-compensation is to apply concerted force on these four pressure points. These systemic weaknesses should give those who wish to exercise power over Pyongyang substantial leverage. What has been lacking is the will to push that lever in full force for fear of destabilizing the Kim regime.

Once South Korea and the United States manage to contain the current situation, the two nations probably will go back to pondering—until the next North Korean provocation—the questions of global financial reform, free trade and regional cooperation. They should rather ask: Why is the continued survival of this great outlier to these global goals really necessary?

That's a question that even China, Pyongyang's biggest patron, may in time come to consider in earnest. As North Korea continues to march to its own tune against a concerted show of force by South Korea and the United States, the choice for all the regional powers will become clear. They can go on delivering aid to a dangerous, despotic, dependent North Korea through open-ended, damage-control diplomacy. Or they can build a better future with an open, democratic, capitalist, reunified Korea with its official seat of government in Seoul.

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Commodities Part III: Problem solved!

Now for the conclusion of our commodities tale...

You can't get ahead by wasting time. That's why the Hong Kong ABC Fortune 88 Lucky Betel Product, Co., Ltd. operates its own GIII executive jet. Instead of burning two or three days to visit Saipan (as his competitors would do), Mr. Zhong, the company's betel nut buyer, simply schedules the jet for the day. He departs Hong Kong after breakfast and arrives on Saipan before 1pm.

Mr. Zhong has arranged for Naomi, his local liaison, and Mr. Tribune Reader, president of the Saipan Betel Nut Corp., to come aboard for a lunchtime meeting. After introductions they settle around the table for roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, and a bottle of 1998 vintage Great Wall Cabernet. Then they get down to business, with Naomi acting as interpreter. Several minutes later she reviews her notes and delivers her summary to Mr. Zhong:

"Mr. Tribune Reader will be happy to sell you 100,000 pounds of betel nut after the June harvest at the market price, if he can stay in business that long. He has also asked you for a loan of \$250,000 to tide them over until the harvest, since the money he had lined up from the Tinian investor fell through because of revenue uncertainties; but you have rejected this request. Also, since you don't know what the betel nut price will be in June, you don't know how much you will want to buy when the time comes, so you cannot make a commitment."

Zhong nods his head. "Yes, that's right."

"May I make a suggestion?" says Naomi.

"Sure."

"I think that you could solve all your problems if you simply agree on a price, today, for June's delivery of betel nut," said Naomi.

"An advance price?" asks Zhong.

"Yes. I believe it is called a 'forward' price. You and Mr. Reader can agree to a price right now, and disregard what the market price will actually be in June. This will eliminate the uncertainties that you are facing. It will also allow Mr. Reader to prove to the Tinian investor what the betel nut sales revenue will be, hopefully allowing him to get the investor on board," says Naomi.

Naomi continues: "For example, today's price of betel nut is \$9.72 a pound. You might consider agreeing to a price of, say, \$10.50 a pound."

"But why would I agree to pay a price that is higher price than the current price?" asks Zhong.

"Because June is six months away," says Naomi, "and by making this agreement, you're locked into your supply without having to buy it now and without having to pay storage costs or tie your money up in it. So the virtual inventory, as represented by the agreement, is worth more to you than the physical inventory would be. That's why the forward prices of commodities are usually higher than current, or spot, prices are."

Meanwhile, sensing some progress, Mr. Tribune Reader calls the Tinian investor on his cell phone. "If you can show me a signed document that proves you'll have at least \$1 million in sales in June," says the investor, "I'll be glad to make you the loan."

Mr. Reader relays this information to Naomi, who translates it to Mr. Zhong, who nods his head.

"Tell the investor Tinian to meet us at Tinian airport," says Mr. Zhong, "we'll be there in 20 minutes, and we'll get this thing wrapped up."

As the GIII taxis for takeoff they draft the forward agreement. It says: "The Saipan Betel Nut Corp. agrees to sell 100,000 pounds of betel nut on June, 17, 2011, to the Hong Kong ABC Fortune 88 Lucky Betel Product, Co. Ltd., for the price of \$1,050,000 upon

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delivery, which equates to \$10.50 per pound."

They land on Tinian. The Tinian investor boards the jet, reviews the agreement, and hands Mr. Tribune Reader a check for \$250,000. The Saipan Betel Nut Corp. is saved!

An hour later, Mr. Zhong is zooming back to Hong Kong on the GIII, napping comfortably on the couch. He'll be home in time for dinner. Actually, he already knew all about forward contracts, but he was impressed with Naomi's gumption so he played innocent to ascertain her knowledge. He has offered her a job.

As the jet flies into the sunset, our story ends.

In formalized markets, forward agreements are known as "futures" contracts. They make the production of stuff like wheat, sugar, beef, lumber, oil, gold, and lead, just to name a few commodities, more efficient, and hence more bountiful, since they allow producers (and buyers) to dodge price risks. Those risks don't actually disappear, but they are diverted away from the chain of production to speculators who actually want them.

The first known commodities forwards, for pressing olives, occurred in Greece in about 600 B.C. In 1710 the Japanese formalized rice forwards, thus creating the first commodities exchange, the Dojima Rice Exchange, in Osaka.

Dong Bei Trek 12: Shenyang Aerospace University

We moved to the environs of NMC prior to our trip to Shenyang intending to join the college staff or be an adjunct faculty member as our personal Plan B when it was clear that PSS' post-elementary positions no longer needed Social Studies teachers. NMC, like any other government-related institution, however, had its own undulations of upheavals and organizational tremors, so when the opportunity to trek elsewhere came forth, we shelved the plan to quickly be Asiana flown and Yanbian *Dong Bei* China bound.

PSS' and NMC's declared commitment to *Student First* are promising slogans on which assessment and evaluation can proceed, from the perspective of the students who might want to voice out what education they need, and from the declared benchmarks that the system says they are to attain. We laud this clarity of vision and confidence in institutional mission, and we wish those about the task well.

Meanwhile, we foray into areas we are hardly familiar with, juicing up the adrenaline ducts and shaking off our calcified preconceptions on the practicality of what to us are specialized and esoteric subjects like aerodynamics and econometrics at Shenyang Aerospace University. The subjects are no more strange as the arena of parapsychology, though they are equally susceptible to the label of pseudo-science, but we are lucid that human knowledge is nothing but a function of neural images. Fact is a quality of consensus among practitioners in a particular field, and the commonality of perception with large dosage of humility and tolerance is what makes an academic discipline worth pursuing. Direct correlation between fact and reality is a hopeless illusion, a common pitfall and source of frustration for those who insist on absolute precision; a one-on-one correspondence between word and fact has been the bane of rational communications in science and mathematics, not to mention our very own news reporting.

Both science and mathematics operate out of the hypothetical process of "what if"; "given this, that and the other, there-

fore" is the common syllogism. The format of the English essay prescribed by higher education of British erudition follows that logical format. The human factor, however, does not lend itself to such logical simplicity.

Cute as such admonitions as KISS ("keep it simple, stupid") are, it is often simply a pretense on the primacy of blind singularity over complexity, revealing an insecure mind either too lazy to expand its horizon of the familiar, or too proud to admit the depths of its ignorance. Simplicity may make easy the recognition of our common humanity, but it also makes simpletons

of many otherwise creative souls.

I wax philosophical, and cognizant of the advice of an early mentor that "obscurity is not profundity, neither is it art," we might constrain our ruminations to the verbosity of our journal. Meanwhile, we have human education and its continuing challenge to contend with, its denied limits and ignored possibilities, regardless of where we are in the planet, and so the pedagogical enterprise moves on.

I have always felt that powerful personalities in the NMI are either too blindly beholden to the machination of a far-away center of power called Washington, formally represented by the dominant five-sided fort across the Potomac, as opposed to the muddled

meddling of Foggy Bottom and the insecure inbreeding of Interior, that the Marianas is consigned forever as simply a strategic military location for national defense. As well meaning as such attempts as understanding "decolonization" are in public discourse, the House speaker who we have not much to agree with of late, might be more on target when he states that the people have chosen to be a part of the United States, and that's where one needs to proceed from rather than from the wish that it were otherwise. We might even be tempted to articulate that the motif of self-determination was a shibboleth foisted on the idealistic but unwary when all the uniformed warriors really wanted was the land.

Shifting students' paradigms at SVES was an endless challenge when one's studentry could swing better to the beat of West African-



Our trekker plays guest lecturer for foreign students in the School of Economics and Management at the Dao Yi Development Area campus of the Shenyang Aerospace University, posing here just before snow blanketed the front of the circular International Cooperation Department building.

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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influenced rap before they can sing their American and Commonwealth anthems. Nor is it any consolation to know that the tune of both come from German beer drinking tunes, but our ignorance of that only reveals the fallacy of misplaced ethnic pride since if we go far back enough in time, 97 percent of our DNA emanates from the same geophysical source.

The challenge of Shenyang Aerospace University is its similarity to the *Field of Dreams*: build it and they will come! Newly constructed buildings (see photo of trekker in front of the International Cooperation building) in real estate that not too long ago were agricultural fields, along other educational institutions in the Dao Yi Development area (e.g., School of Medicine, the Normal University), SAU combines several existing technical schools in the city with a patina of the humanities, under one decentralized school administration of the Liaoning Provincial government. Our particular audience are foreign students from Nepal and Nigeria, India and Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire and Sri Lanka, to name six of the 17 nations represented among the current contingent of foreign students. We are honing our social studies expertise on economics.

We are just visiting, at a time when China intends to go to the moon soon, and beyond, and in the sunset of our years, it is nice to be associated with those plotting out the next phase of the journey where no one had gone before.

INVESTMENT

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History is on these immigrant children's side. As Bishop Thomas Wenski noted Tuesday during a press conference at St. Thomas University's Miami campus, the young people who would qualify for the Dream Act are no different than the Cuban children who arrived in the 1960s thanks to the church's Pedro Pan program. What kind of brain power would this country enjoy by allowing kids who already have been educated in South Florida schools to serve their country or go on to college?

For the sake of America's economy and security, Congress should do right by these young people.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼78
Yap	Showers	▲89 ▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲83 ▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87 ▼73
Kosrae	Showers	▲88 ▼75
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼75

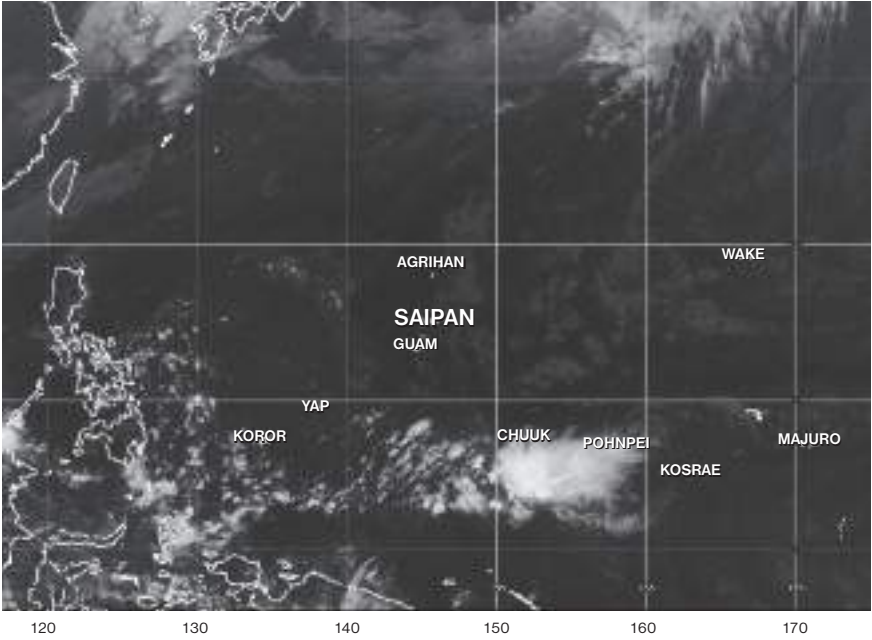
Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲70 ▼59
Beijing	Sunny	▲49 ▼26
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲76 ▼55
Honolulu	Showers	▲80 ▼70
London	Ice	▲41 ▼29
Los Angeles	Mostly Cloudy	▲68 ▼51
Manila	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼76
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲87 ▼61
Miami	Sunny	▲74 ▼54
New York	Sunny	▲44 ▼32
Osaka	Sunny	▲55 ▼44
Paris	Snow	▲39 ▼23
Pusan	Sunny	▲56 ▼38
Rome	Showers	▲52 ▼37
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲46 ▼31
San Francisco	Showers	▲60 ▼53
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲48 ▼29
Tokyo	Sunny	▲57 ▼45
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲46 ▼32

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
6:17 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
11:21 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet	
4:49 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2010

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from south of Chuuk to southwest of Pohnpei within 125 miles of a line from 5N151E to 6N158E. A shear line stretches across the northern Marshall Islands from 8N160E to 7N170E to beyond 9N180. Patchy clouds and a few showers are found along and up to 150 miles north of the shear line. Low pressure is centered east of Wake Island near 20N178E with scattered showers east of a line from 20N178E to 24N178E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:28 AM	5:45 PM
Saturday	6:29 AM	5:45 PM
Sunday	6:29 AM	5:46 PM
Monday	6:30 AM	5:46 PM
Tuesday	6:30 AM	5:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:42 AM	3:27 PM
Saturday	4:42 AM	4:19 PM
Sunday	5:43 AM	5:15 PM
Monday	6:43 AM	6:12 PM
Tuesday	7:39 AM	7:09 PM

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C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:10am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	Daily	DL286	3:50pm	8:25pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:00pm	12:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:10pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09317/891	2:45am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/286	7:55am	8:25pm	Daily via NRT
DL285/173	6:40am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09313/933	7:55am	9:40pm	6 via GUM	OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/893	7:55am	11:00pm	3 via GUM+Palau	OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM+Palau
C09603/893	3:05pm	11:00pm	5 via GUM+Palau	C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:50am+1	5 via GUM+Palau
C09605/933	6:20pm	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/C0596	10:00pm	7:25am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 5, 7 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:59pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:59pm	7:50am+1	4 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ604/721	2:10am	12:00am	1 via ICN	OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604/721	2:40am	12:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	10:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ606/723	3:20pm	10:35pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	11:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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Tan acknowledges challenges to tourism

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REPORTER

Former Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Jerry Tan acknowledged the challenges confronting the islands' tourism and urged lawmakers to provide support and funding to revive its main industry.

"Our tourism industry is going through a tough time," said Tan during the grand opening Wednesday of Coconut Beach Club, Tasi Tours' new water sports facility behind Saipan Grand Hotel.

Tan said tourism is the islands' only remaining industry

that will help revive the local economy.

The president of Tan Holdings said Japanese tourists continue to be CNMI's primary tourist market, despite the increasing number of Chinese and Korean travelers visiting the Commonwealth.

"While we see increase in Korean and Chinese markets, we see a steady decline in the Japanese tourists," he said.

According to Tan, the growing Korean and Chinese markets are still not enough to make up for the steady decline in Japanese arriv-

als to the CNMI.

Tan noted that the neighboring island of Guam has seen double-digit growth in tourist arrivals, while the Commonwealth is still going through a rough time in its tourism industry.

Tan said the Japanese tourists are an important component of the islands' tourism that must be recovered through strong marketing strategies and promotions.

"When we lose an important market, we have to hold on to them and try to bring them back," he said.



Tan

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Registration Time: 7:30 AM

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- Dec. 14: Adult CPR, 6pm – 10pm
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- Dec. 21: First Aid, 6pm – 10pm

The training fee for Adult CPR and First Aid is \$35 per person/per course and the training fee for the Infant & Child CPR is \$40 per person. For more information, call the NMI Chapter Office at 234-3459. You may also register online at <http://www.redcross.org>. (PR)

6th Annual Brilliant Star Holiday Bazaar

The Brilliant Star school will be

hosting its 6th Annual Holiday Bazaar at the Susupe Multi-Purpose Center on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 9am to 5pm. It will feature local artists' gift items, cultural performances, bake sale and ben-to lunches, children's arts & crafts, bouncy house and games, raffle prizes, and much, much more. Call Brilliant Star School at (670) 323-7827 for more details (PR)

SHEFA board chair on Marianas Agupa

This Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010, Marianas Agupa will feature Jose Mañas, the new chair of the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance board. Topic of discussion will be the new direction of the board and its policies in granting financial assistance to eligible students. The show is from 10am to 10:30am on Magic 100.3 FM.

The Chamorro Talk Show Program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona, with former mayor Joseph S. Inos, Thomas D. Mendiola from Rota and former senator David M. Cing from Tinian. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. (PR)

Workshop on tax form W-2CM

This is to advise all employers that the Division of Revenue and Taxation, Department of Finance will be conducting a workshop for the Annual Wage and Salary Statement Form (W-2CM) for tax year 2010 and other 2010 year end filing requirements. The workshop will be on Friday, Dec. 10, 2010. The first seminar will be from 8am to 11am and the second will be from 1pm to 4pm

at the Joeten Dandan Commercial Center, MPLC conference room. Businesses, employers and all payroll service companies are encouraged to attend. Confirm your attendance by calling the administration office of Rev & Tax at 664-1000 or fax at 664-1015. (PR)

Quiz Night 2010 tonight

The Autism Society of the CNMI will be hosting the "Quiz Night 2010" today, Dec. 3, 2010, to raise awareness of autism and raise funds for the Society.

Quiz Night is a fundraising event where teams of 7 (5 people and 2 substitutes) compete in a fun trivia-based game. If you don't have a team, we will be able to assemble a team for you at the event.

The event will take place at the Saipan World Resort, from 6pm to 10pm. It will cost \$100 per team of 5 (with 2 alternates) or \$15 per person. Buffet is included!

To purchase a ticket, donate or sponsor, contact any of the following: ASCNMI - 235-7273 or as_cnmi@yahoo.com; Barbara Merfalen, 989-2627; Larrisa Larson, 287-4899; Tom Thornburgh, 287-9205; Jan Reyes, 287-8350

Educational assistance program deadlines for Winter/Spring 2010

Application deadline for new or returning applicants: Dec. 15, 2010 (For those who submitted an application for fall term 2010, they do not have to reapply for Winter/Spring term). Deadline for supporting documents: Feb. 28, 2011. For more information call 664-4750/52 or visit www.cnmischolarship.com. (PR)

Austerity Fridays for govt sports facilities

All CNMI-owned sports facility (Ada Gym) and other sports grounds (basketball court and baseball fields) under the DC-CA-Division of Sports and Recreation will be closed every austerity Friday.

Sports organizations (private or government leagues), NMASA, and DS&R staff are urged to coordinate with DS&R director Joe A. Lizama or his staff to accommodate any planned events as not to conflict with this directive.

■ The Francisco Palacios baseball field and the Miguel Pangelinan ball field will be closed for field preparation and maintenance beginning Dec 20, 2010.

■ Sports organizations are also urged to submit their (tentative) 2011 calendar of events via email at gymnsport@pticom.com or fax at 664-2510

For more information, contact Lizama at 664-2508. (PR)

DEQ brigade sets Hidden Beach cleanup tomorrow

The Division of Environmental Quality's monthly cleanup brigade will be at it again, picking up trash at Hidden Beach in Talafofu.

If you would like to volunteer, meet the DEQ representative on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010, at 8am at the entrance to King Fisher Golf. Volunteers will split into groups and clean North and South Beach until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a green brigade t-shirt. For more information about volunteering, contact DEQ at 664-8500/1. (DEQ)

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Opinion sought on Fund membership of municipal employees

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

The NMI Retirement Fund has sought the aid of the Office of

the Attorney General to help it determine whether municipal employees on Rota and Tinian are eligible for pension benefits, following comments that they

are not members of the Fund. Fund internal auditor Esther Ada said Tuesday that the agency is awaiting the legal opinion of the OAG to resolve the mat-

ter once and for all.

"The issue of municipal government employees as non-members of the Fund will be cleared once we receive the AG's opinion

on it. We're awaiting the legal opinion," Ada told the board.

House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio had earlier questioned the eligibility of Rota and Tinian municipality employees to receive retirement benefits. Tenorio, a former governor, cited, among other things, a 2003 response to a certified question submitted to the U.S. District Court for the NMI, which concluded that the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiangan is a chartered municipality.

Lawmakers from both Tinian and Rota have described Tenorio's assertion as a form of "retaliation" against them for twice junking his casino initiatives.

A lawmaker from Rota, Rep. Teresita Santos, earlier said that government employees had the option in 1980 whether or not to join the retirement fund program.

However, in 1989, after the establishment of the Retirement

Fund's class I and class II, government employees were mandated to become members of the Fund, thus government employees who have vested services or contributed to the Fund should be eligible for retirement benefits.

"It is my knowledge and understanding that there is only one CNMI [and that Rota and Tinian make up the CNMI], one CNMI government and one CNMI retirement fund program. Based on that knowledge and understanding, we can conclude that any employee of Rota and Tinian who work for the CNMI government is an employee of that government, have contributed or is a contributing member to the Fund, and therefore should be an eligible member to retirement fund benefits," Santos had said.

Tenorio had also questioned the Fund membership of commissioners of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission.

SSHS library obtains \$2K grant to buy kids' books

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc. has awarded a \$2,000 grant to Saipan Southern High School's Library so it could purchase children's books for preschool through grade 12. The funds will update and broaden the school's collection of books.

"The library continues to strive for a better library collection and services for the students, teachers and the community," said Saipan Southern librarian Sudi Q. Napalan. "With the economic and financial challenge that our community faces, libraries become even more important; it is indispensable."



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Saipan Southern High School students browse through books at the school's library.

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John Baldwin, principal and CEO of Bridge Capital, LLC, far right, donates \$1,500 to Operation CNMI Homefront Support to pay for postage to ship the care packages to the CNMI military personnel deployed overseas. In the picture are the four partners, from left to right, Mark Birmingham, MCV; Nola Hix, IT&E; John Hirsh, American Red Cross; and Geri Willis, NMC.



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IT&E Marketing Associate Nola Hix, on behalf of IT&E, turns over a \$1,000 check to Operation CNMI Homefront Support to pay for postage to ship care packages to the CNMI military personnel who have been deployed. In the picture are the four partners, from left to right, Mark Birmingham, MCV; John Hirsh, American Red Cross; Geri Willis, NMC; Nola Hix, IT&E; and John Baldwin, Bridge Capital CEO, the partners' other donor.

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7 Saipan beach sites red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged the Wing Beach, Tanapag Meeting Hall, Central Repair Shop, DPW Channel Bridge, Micro Beach, Fiesta Resort beach and Garapan Fishing Dock and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations

had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 38 locations on Saipan coast on Wednesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. **(DEQ)**



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

MVA

Tomoko Uchio, center, Kinki Nippon Tourist's deputy general manager of Micronesia/Overseas Travel Planning and Operations Department, is presented with a certificate of appreciation by the Marianas Visitors Authority on Nov. 30, 2010. Uchio was on Saipan this week to conduct research on the Northern Marianas' new hotel development projected for 2011 and to carry out negotiations with various hotels. She will be heading the Multi-Media Department and will continue to focus on and promote the Northern Marianas and the rest of the Micronesian region. Pictured from left are MVA managing director Perry Tenorio, Uchio, and MVA board member Yoichi Matsumura.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy 6th birthday to "Keke Boy"! Love Mom, Dad, and the family.

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Advanced happy 2nd birthday to Princess Jayleen Myanna "Ieiwascheng" Mallens Cangco, who's celebrating her birthday tomorrow, Dec. 4! Happy birthday princess and may you have many more birthdays to come! May God bless you on your special day and everyday! Love you forever, from mommy and daddy.

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Probationer arrested for allegedly terrorizing sister, family members

Police arrested on Tuesday a probationer who allegedly threatened to kill his sister's family members.

David Roberto, 46, was arrested for disturbing the peace, assault, and violating a court's order of protection.

In Wednesday's hearing, Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos ordered that Roberto's bail be kept at \$2,750 cash as the court had earlier imposed.

Preliminary hearing will be on Dec. 9, 2010 at 9am.

Drug Enforcement Task Force detective Sean White stated in his report that Judge Kenneth Govendo had issued on Sept. 2, 2010, an order of protection to Roberto's sister and her children/family members against the suspect.

Govendo's order barred Roberto from threatening, calling or disturbing the peace of his

sister and her children/family members.

White said that on Monday at 7:50pm, Roberto called his sister's daughter-in-law. The suspect asked for his sister and the daughter-in-law replied that she was not there. Roberto then allegedly threatened to kill the daughter-in-law, her husband, and family members.

White said Roberto is currently on probation for illegal drugs conviction and is set to serve six days in prison starting Sunday for the remaining time of his conviction. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Keep homes safe this holiday season

The holidays should be a magical time for children. Yet each year, hospital emergency rooms in the United States treat about 8,7000 people for injuries, such as falls, cuts and shocks, related to the holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees.

Keep the season merry with this list of safety tips.

Safer trees and decorations

■ Any string of lights with worn, frayed or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used.

■ Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.

■ Never use lit candles to decorate a tree, and place them well away from tree branches.

■ Try to keep live trees as moist as possible by giving

them plenty of water daily. Do not purchase a tree that is dry or dropping needles.

■ Choose a sturdy tree stand designed not to tip over.

■ When purchasing an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant.

■ Make sure the tree is at least three feet (one meter) away from any heat source and try to position it near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances.

■ Do not place the tree where it may block exits.

■ Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are highly flammable and should not be left in a house or garage, or placed against the house.

Bright ideas for lights

■ Indoors or outdoors, always use lights that have been tested

for safety by a recognized testing laboratory that indicates conformance with safety standards.

■ Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged set.

■ Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.

■ Never use electric lights on metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.

■ Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use.

■ Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

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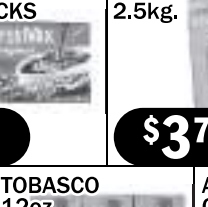

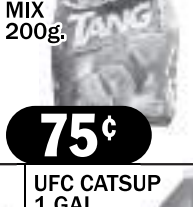



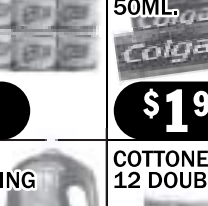


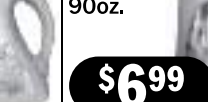


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Business

Economy appears headed for strong finish for 2010

WASHINGTON (AP)—The economy is showing new life in the final months of the year.

Factories are busier, construction spending is up, and auto sales are rising. And on Wednesday the stock market had its best day since September after a report that the private sector hired the most workers in three years.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped more than 2 percent, enough to erase nearly two weeks of losses. Analysts said investors concluded that a stronger job market would support higher stock prices.

"The economy is starting to show better overall momentum," said Brian Bethune, an economist at IHS Global Insight. "There's a steady im-

provement in the overall tone."

A private trade group said U.S. factory output grew for the 16th straight month in November as auto sales rebounded and businesses invested more in industrial machinery.

The Institute for Supply Management said its index of manufacturing activity came in at 56.6 for November. Any reading above 50 indicates growth. The October figure was 56.9. At the depths of the recession, it was closer to 30.

And a new survey by the Federal Reserve finds that almost all of the nation—10 of its 12 regions—is growing economically. Only two regions, those around Philadelphia and St. Louis, report that business conditions are mixed.

Automakers are behind much of the growth in manufacturing. Ford, General Motors and Chrysler all reported double-digit sales increases for November. The news is particularly welcome for GM, which just returned as a public company.

The positive economic news comes on top of other signs that Americans are increasingly willing to spend money, raising hopes for the holiday shopping season. Measures of spending, consumer confidence and personal incomes are all up.

Research firm comScore Inc. said people spent more than \$1 billion online on the Monday after Thanksgiving, 16 percent more than last year and the first time so-called Cyber Monday

has ever hit that milestone.

The Dow closed at 11,255, its best finish since Sept. 1 and about 200 points shy of its highest close since the financial meltdown in the fall of 2008.

Investors were mostly responding to strong manufacturing data out of China and a report showing that small U.S. companies hired the most workers in three years. ADP Employer Services said employment at private companies jumped by 93,000 in November, the largest increase since November 2007—right before the recession began.

Small businesses, which have struggled to get credit since the recession, had the biggest gains.

While some economists cau-

tioned against reading too much into the ADP report because it has frequently diverged from the government's employment figures, it was enough to raise economists' hopes that the Labor Department's November jobs report, due Friday, will be strong. Bethune said his firm now forecasts that 180,000 jobs were added in November, up from a previous estimate of 150,000.

There's even improvement in the troubled construction industry. The Commerce Department said spending rose in October for the second straight month, mostly because of a jump in spending on home improvement. Spending on new home construction fell.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

GOP says it'll block bills until tax cuts extended

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Republicans threatened Wednesday to block virtually all legislation until expiring tax cuts are extended and a bill is passed to fund the federal government, vastly complicating Democratic attempts to leave their own stamp on the final days of the post-election Congress. "While there are other items that might ultimately be worthy of the Senate's attention, we cannot agree to prioritize any matters above the critical issues of funding the government and preventing a job-killing tax hike," all 42 GOP senators wrote in a letter to Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. The 42 signatures are more than enough to block action on almost any item he wishes to advance.

Citing BP, Obama rejects East Coast oil drilling

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pointing to the BP blowout and risks of a new environmental disaster, the Obama administration reversed itself Wednesday and promised not to pursue offshore drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico or anywhere else along the nation's East Coast. The decision was hailed in Florida, which depends on tourists drawn by the state's white beaches, but criticized by the oil industry, which said the administration was stifling crucial U.S. energy production and costing recession-battered jobseekers golden opportunities for new work.

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Prizes:	Amount	Ticket No.	Winner's Name:
Grand Prize	\$1,000.00	02446	Rowena Tolosa
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2nd Prize	\$400.00	05484	Robert Caramé
3rd Prize	\$300.00	07639	Randy Fontanilla
4th Prize	\$300.00	25511	Daniel Gil
5th Prize	\$200.00	07283	Ryan Cabrera
6th Prize	\$200.00	03186	Jessica Guerrero
7th Prize	\$100.00	02582	Socorro Cabrera
8th Prize	\$100.00	04252	Harvey Soriano
9th Prize	\$100.00	07577	Lisa Avendano
10th Prize	\$100.00	04134	Ding Castro

All prizes may be claimed at the Business Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except Holidays. Last day to claim prizes will be on December 17, 2010. Any question(s) pertaining to this announcement may contact the Business Office at telephone number (670) 235-1201 or 235-1285.

/s/ Margaret C. Dela Cruz
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PUBLIC NOTICE Amendment No. 01

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Special Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- III. ADOPTION OF MINUTE
 - a. October 09, 2010 - Special Board Meeting Minute
- IV. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
 - a. Project Status Update
- V. PROGRAM & HOUSING
- VI. MORTGAGE CREDIT PROGRAM
 - a. Loan Conversion Request
 - b. Payment Assistance Request
 - c. Loan/Grant Applications for Board's Approval
 - d. NSP Project Update
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- VIII. FIELD OFFICE REPORTS
- IX. FISCAL AFFAIRS
 - a. RD Settlement Report
 - b. Financial Statements
- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- XI. OTHER MATTERS
 - a. LIHTC 1602 Mortgage Subordination
 - b. Rota Field Office Merge
 - c. NMHC Telephone System
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
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50K inmates claim tax refunds, report no wages

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nearly 50,000 prison inmates claimed more than \$130 million in tax refunds this year without providing any wage information to the IRS, a government investigator says in a report to be released Thursday.

The Treasury inspector general for tax administration stops short of saying the refunds were fraudulently claimed. It does, however, say the Internal Revenue Service should investigate further.

The report is the latest in a series of audits looking at prison inmates claiming tax credits and other government payments. It notes that the IRS identified nearly 250,000 fraudulent tax returns during the 2010 filing season—a 50 percent increase over 2009—preventing \$1.48 billion in fraudulent refunds.

“While the IRS is identifying larger numbers of fraudulent returns, improvements must be made to its screening processes to ensure that returns filed by

prisoners get adequate scrutiny,” said J. Russell George, the Treasury inspector general for tax administration. “Expanded and expedited access to wage and withholding information would significantly increase the IRS’s ability to verify information reported on a tax return when processed, and prevent fraud.”

The IRS issued a statement saying the agency takes refund fraud seriously and aggressively fights it.

“The IRS is very successful at detecting and stopping incorrect refunds, including criminal refund fraud, and overall prevents 98 percent of questionable claims from being issued,” the statement said.

“The situation involving prisoners is not a simple process, particularly considering the fact that some inmates and their families are legally entitled to tax refunds and that the prisoner population is constantly changing.”

The IRS said it works with

state and federal prisons to get information about inmates on a voluntary basis.

“However, without congressional action to require state and fed-

eral prisons to report the status of inmates to the IRS, there will be gaps in the prison data and compliance problems will persist,” the IRS said in its statement.

Smart storms from court during doctor's testimony

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Kidnap victim Elizabeth Smart stormed from a Utah courtroom Wednesday as a psychiatrist testified that her alleged attacker had been motivated by a desire to have children and create a new race in an imaginary Zion.

Forensic psychiatrist Paul Whitehead took the witness stand under subpoena during the federal trial of former street preacher Brian David Mitchell on kidnapping and other charges.

Whitehead, who was subpoenaed to testify by the defense, said he gleaned this information from the journals of Wanda Eileen Barzee, Mitchell’s estranged wife, and police reports.

Whitehead said Mitchell and Barzee had been caught shoplifting baby clothes and that they had chastised Smart for saying she did not want to have children.

“Mr. Mitchell was talking with Miss Smart about having babies to the point where Miss Smart actually picked out a name in case that happened,” Whitehead said.

At that point, a visibly angry Smart got up from her seat in the front row of the courtroom and left to a private area. Her mother followed. They both returned to the courtroom about 30 minutes later.

The remarks came as Whitehead explained some of the odd characteristics or red flags he said he saw when trying to determine whether Mitchell suffered from mental illness.

Prosecutors, who believe Mitchell is faking mental illness to avoid prosecution, later tried to diffuse the remarks by noting that Barzee wrote her journals during a period of time when she was suffering an untreated mental illness.

ACROSS THE NATION

Obama gets Powell's backing on START nuclear deal

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama rallied support for a stalled nuclear treaty from former Secretary of State Colin Powell Wednesday, as Republican lawmakers indicated a greater willingness to ratify the agreement with Russia by the end of the year. Both Obama and Powell warned of grave consequences if the Senate fails to ratify the New START pact, which would reduce how many strategic warheads the United States and Russia could hold and set up a system so each could inspect and verify the other’s arsenal. “When you have uncertainty in the area of nuclear weapons, that’s a much more dangerous world to live in,” Obama

said from the Oval Office after a meeting with Powell and Vice President Joe Biden.

Jury grants big \$30M award in Del. priest abuse

BALTIMORE (AP)—A Delaware jury has awarded \$30 million in damages to a man who claimed he was abused by a priest—a verdict that was exceptional for both the dollar value and for finding the local parish liable, not just the diocese. The lawsuit by John Vai claimed that he was abused repeatedly as a boy in the 1960s by Francis DeLuca when the former priest was a teacher at St. Elizabeth’s parish in Wilmington, Del. Advocates for victims of clergy abuse said the value of the compensatory damages was the largest ever awarded in such a lawsuit in

the United States and that a parish had never before been found liable for abuse.

Starry starry starry night: Star count may triple

WASHINGTON (AP)—The universe may glitter with far more stars than even Carl Sagan imagined when he rhapsodized about billions upon billions. A new study suggests there are a mind-blowing 300 sextillion of them, or three times as many as scientists previously calculated. That is a 3 followed by 23 zeros. Or 3 trillion times 100 billion. The estimate, contained in a study published online Wednesday in the journal *Nature*, is based on findings that there are many more red dwarf stars—the most common star in the universe—than once thought.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CUC-RFP-11-009

Loan Servicing and Customer Account Financing

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to provide loan servicing and customer account financing for Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Scope-of-Work may be picked-up at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “**CUC-RFP-11-009, Loan Servicing and Customer Account Financing**” to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM, (CHST) local time on **December 21, 2010**. Late submission will not be considered.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

Offerors will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on December 14, 2010 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., Purchasing Officer via email msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer via email charles_warren@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the sol

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS



This is to inform all Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)-approved Contractors (including Tinian and Rota contractors) that we are currently updating our Approved Contractor Listing for calendar year 2011. In order for NMHC to extend your company’s inclusion on our listing for another year, you must submit the documentations listed below. Those companies that are not on our list of approved contractors but wish to be included are likewise encouraged to submit the following:

1. Valid CNMI Business License
2. Current Financial Statements (certified by the principle executive officer and principle financial officer)
3. 2 Years Business Gross Revenue (BGR) Tax Returns
4. Clearance Letter from the Department of Labor
5. Certificate of Compliance from the Revenue & Taxation Office
6. Workmen’s Compensation Policy
7. Name of Insurance Company(ies) Currently Dealing With
8. A list of on-going/completed projects showing name of project, start and completion dates, and contract amounts
9. At least three (3) reference letters from owners of the completed projects
10. List of vendors and suppliers and at least three reference letters from them
11. Company background
12. Articles of Incorporation & Company By-Laws, if applicable
13. Annual Report (Registrar of Corporations)

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS BY DECEMBER 15, 2010 WILL RESULT IN YOUR COMPANY’S ELIMINATION FROM OUR LIST OF “APPROVED CONTRACTORS.”

NMHC encourages Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) to participate in this Request for Qualifications and that they will be afforded full opportunity to participate and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, or disability status.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO

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Bar-S Hotdog 1 lb. \$115	Fish 4 You Crab Meat Stick 16 oz. \$1⁹⁹	Ground Beef 5 LBS. \$9⁹⁹ 10 LBS. \$17⁹⁹	Bar-S Hotlinks 24 oz. \$3⁹⁹	Hormel Mary Kitchen Corned Beef Hash 15 oz. \$1⁹⁹	Hormel Chili No Beans 15 oz. \$17⁹⁹	DM Beef Stew 15 oz. \$17⁹⁹	Coco Tuna 7oz. \$11⁹⁹ Limit 6	3 Diamond Tuna \$11⁹⁹ Limit 12	Hornel Corned Beef 12 oz. \$1⁹⁹
Mackarel/Pike Family Bag \$6⁹⁹	Peeled Shrimp SC Brand 1 lb. \$2⁹⁹	Ocean Best Marinara Mix 1 lb. \$24⁹⁹	Blue Crab Section Per Box \$8⁹⁹	Sun Flower Mackarel 15 oz. \$15⁹⁹	Campbells Chicken Noodle Soup 10.7 oz. 99¢	Cream of Mushroom 10 3/4 oz. \$10⁹⁹	Del Monte Whole Kernel Corn 89¢	Carnation Evaporated 12 oz. (U.S.) \$12⁹⁹	
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World

South Korean refugees struggle after shelling

INCHEON, South Korea (AP)—A South Korean fisherman whose neighborhood was swallowed by flames in last week's North Korean shelling saw a TV image of the North's leader, Kim Jong Il, and cringed. "I want to kill him," said Kwak Yong-sun, who now lives on the floor of a public bath house on the mainland. "I almost died because of that man." Kwak, 50, sleeps shoulder to shoulder with other evacuees

from Yeonpyeong Island on a mattress in a huge room in the spa, which has been converted into a refugee center.

He complained of noise, stale air and a lack of sleep. "It's not a place where human beings can live," he said.

The Nov. 23 artillery barrage killed four people—two South Korean marines and two civilians—and sharply raised tensions on the divided peninsula.

The United States and South

Korea on Wednesday ended military exercises that included the aircraft carrier USS George Washington. The drills were meant as a warning to the North following last week's exchange of artillery fire.

At the heavily armed Panmunjom village inside the Demilitarized Zone north of Seoul, a North Korean soldier said in a rare interview that he hoped for peace.

Lt. Choe Song Il told Associ-



Fisherman Kwak Yong-sun, 50, left, rests with his family members at a makeshift shelter, Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010, in Incheon, South Korea.

ated Press Television News that he hoped tensions between the two countries would be eased "as soon as possible, in a peaceful way."

"I know that there were casualties on the South side," Choe told an APTN crew from the North Korean capital of Pyongyang that he had been assigned to escort to the Demilitarized Zone.

"I hope that such military conflict between North and South should never happen again," he said.

It was unclear whether his conciliatory comments were spontaneous or not, and whether they merely reflected one soldier's opinion or were meant to reflect the military's stance as a whole. North Korean citizens usually are very careful about expressing opinions.

European police on alert for Wikileaks founder

WASHINGTON (AP)—WikiLeaks was on the defensive on several fronts Wednesday, scrambling to remain on the Internet and post more U.S. diplomatic documents while its fugitive founder Julian Assange was targeted by a European arrest warrant on Swedish rape charges.

Amazon.com Inc. prevented WikiLeaks from using the U.S. company's computers to distribute embarrassing State Department communications

and other documents, WikiLeaks said Wednesday. The WikiLeaks site was unavailable for several hours before it moved back to servers owned by its previous Swedish host, Bahnhof, which are housed in a protective Cold-War era bunker.

At the same time, Swedish officials intensified legal pressure on Assange by asking European police to arrest him on rape allegations that have shadowed him for weeks.

Swedish Director of Public Prosecution Marianne Ny said that the European arrest warrant had been issued for Assange in connection with the allegations filed against him in that country.

Amazon's move to kick WikiLeaks off its servers came after congressional staff called the company Tuesday to inquire about its relationship with WikiLeaks, Sen. Joe Lieberman, the Connecticut independent, said Wednesday.

WORLD BRIEFS

US, China close in on accord on key climate issue

CANCUN, Mexico (AP)—The United States and China appeared close to agreement Wednesday on a key issue that has troubled climate change ne-

gotiations, boosting prospects that talks on global warming will score their first success in years. Analysts said the tone over measuring emissions had softened between the two major protagonists in the 193-nation talks. Over the past year they repeat-

edly exchanged accusations of renegeing on commitments and undermining the talks.

4 die in shootout as rebels seize Philippine bus

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Suspected communist guerrillas seized a passenger bus and opened fire on pursuing government forces in a running gun-battle that killed at least four people east of Manila. Despite the renewed violence Wednesday, a presidential peace talks adviser said a government representative will meet with his rebel counterpart in a second day of informal talks in Hong Kong on Thursday. The meeting was set up to find the way for resuming negotiations after a six-year hiatus, said Teresita Deles, presidential adviser on the peace process.

Powerful earthquake shakes Papua New Guinea

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—The U.S. Geological Survey says a powerful earthquake has shaken Papua New Guinea. The agency says the quake had a preliminary magnitude of 6.9 and struck Thursday about 20 miles (32 kilometers) beneath the ocean floor. It hit near the island province of New Britain, 295 miles (470 kilometers) northeast of the national capital Port Moresby.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES VARIOUS REPAIRS at NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE (NMC), SAIPAN

RFP11-GOV-018

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lieutenant Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Capital Improvement Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified Consultants to provide A/E Design for the NMC Various Repairs located at the As Terlaje Saipan Campus, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The complete Scope of Work for the A/E services required will be available on Tuesday, November 24, 2010, at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Governor's Conference Room, Capitol Hill on Tuesday, November 30, 2010. Questions regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. James R. Stump, CIP Contracting Officer, or faxed to (670) 664-2408, no later than 4 p.m., ChST December 7, 2010.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and a Schedule of Completion, addressing the Scope of Work requirements with details of how the work will be performed and accomplished by the consultants, with the names of the responsible persons identified. Proposers shall also submit a statement of qualifications with resumes and experience for the responsible persons. The total proposal length shall not exceed twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, the consultant may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications and Experience on similar projects (25%)
2. Project Approach (25%)
3. Work load and resources to accomplish the work in the required timeframe (25%)
4. Past performance with the CNMI Government on similar projects (25%)

Performance time for completion of the A/E design is One Hundred Sixty (160) calendar days upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (US\$250.00) for each and every working day beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms. After a selection is made negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "RFP11-GOV-018, A/E Design for the various repairs at Northern Mariana College, Saipan". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP, no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST December 27, 2010. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST December 27, 2010, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@opticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than December 27, 2010, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than January 3, 2011. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/S/Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Governor, CNMI

/S/Herman S. Sablan, Director of Procurement & Supply

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

The CNMI Capital Improvement Program Office/Office of the Governor is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) addressing the site selection for a regulatory compliant landfill on the island of Rota.

In partial fulfillment of the National Environmental Policy Act, a public scoping meeting will be held on Rota at the following time and place:

December 7, 2010 (Tuesday) at the Rota Roundhouse in Songsong from 6:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting and learn about the proposed landfill sites and to provide oral and/or written comments on specific issues for consideration in the EA. A translator will be in attendance to assist those who wish to submit comments, ask questions, or discuss issues in Chamorro.

Written comments may also be mailed to the address below and be postmarked by January 8, 2011.

Rota Landfill Site Selection Project
P.O. Box 502802
Saipan, MP 96950

If you prefer, comments may be submitted by e-mail to Rota.landfill.project@gmail.com before January 8, 2011.

For special accommodations or more information, please call 670.483.4000.

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OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Denver police investigate case of towed baby

DENVER (AP)—A Denver tow truck driver hauled away a car blocking a garage downtown, but unknowingly took along a passenger: a 9-month-old girl. The towing company says the car was taken two miles to a tow yard Tuesday night. According to the company, the baby girl was in a car seat covered in blankets and no one knew she was in there until the mother called a half-hour later looking for her child. Police Detective John White tells KMGH-TV that paramedics checked the girl, and she was fine. An investigation is continuing. The baby was returned to the mother.

Police: SC woman puts gun on grave to clear spirit

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP)—Some people lay flowers or notes at gravesites. A woman in South Carolina left a handgun. Police in the northwestern county of Spartanburg say a 28-year-old woman who hadn't been feeling well consulted a spiritual adviser, who told her she needed to return something that was given to her to cleanse her soul. So the woman left a .45-caliber handgun in a box at a man's grave at Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens. She told police the man had given her the weapon about 12 years ago and she hoped by returning it that she would feel better. After police discovered the gun, the woman told them she wanted it

destroyed. Police are storing the gun at the sheriff's office. No charges have been filed.

Roadside Secret Santa at it again along NJ highway

LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP)—An annual Christmas mystery is playing itself out again along a busy New Jersey highway. A secret Santa is once again surreptitiously hanging ornaments from a large pine tree by the side of the Garden State Parkway in the dead of night. A gold star was hanging from the boughs of the tree Tuesday morning. It's the fourth year in a row that the ornaments have shown up on the same tree in the southbound lanes in a sparsely populated area of Little Egg Harbor Township.

Science & Technology

Tech gadgets for frequent travelers

By **DANA WOLLMAN**
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER



NEW YORK (AP)—If you have people on your gift list who travel a lot, you may want to think about giving them something to keep them comfortable and entertained while on the go, even if they're not as nomadic as George Clooney's road warrior character in the movie "Up in the Air."

We can't do anything about delays, cramped seating, jet-lag, traffic jams and noisy passengers, but these gadgets could make it easier to tune them out:

LIVESCRIBE ECHO SMARTPEN (4GB: \$170; 8GB: \$200)

PROS: Livescribe makes pens that record audio and match it up with what you're writing. So people taking notes during a presentation can get away with jotting down keywords and then going back and listening to the conversation, cued up to different words on the page. Users can download free software to their PC or Mac that pulls in their notes, along with the audio, whenever they plug the pen into their computer's USB port. Livescribe claims the pen lasts five to six hours when it's recording audio, and it charges using the USB cable.

CONS: The pen works only with paper that's pre-printed with a special pattern. It comes in notebooks of different sizes (\$8-\$25), but each has the same icons lining the bottom of every page. Tap on the controls to stop, start and pause audio recordings, as well as do things such as adjust the volume of the pen's speaking voice.

MICROSOFT ARC TOUCH MOUSE (\$50)

PROS: This mouse lies flat when you're not using it, but, with one satisfying click, can be bent into a curved shape, making it look more like a standard mouse. Light and low maintenance, it turns off automatically whenever you press the mouse into a flat shape. It promises up to six months of battery life before travelers have to recharge it. It's designed to be usable on any surface, so there's no need to pack a mouse pad. A small dongle plugs into a Windows PC or Mac to create the wireless connection.

CONS: The scroll wheel is simulated by a touch-sensitive strip that lacks the feel of a real wheel.

APPLE IPAD (WI-FI ONLY: \$499-\$699; 3G: \$629-\$829)

PROS: Although ads for the iPad often depict someone relaxing with the tablet, legs propped up, it is an ideal companion for people on the go as well. True, you can surf the Web and watch

movies on a phone or laptop, but the iPad's 9.7-inch display makes for easier viewing. It looks better than most laptop screens. Because the iPad turns on instantly and lasts up to 10 hours unplugged, using it is less of a hassle than booting up your PC and hoping that you can finish the movie before the battery runs out. The fact that the Transportation Security Administration doesn't require travelers to remove iPads from bags during airport security checks is the icing on the cake.

CONS: With a starting price of \$499, the iPad is one pricey toy. And that's not counting the cost of applications and a protective case. (We like Apple's \$39 offering because it doesn't add bulk and also has a stand, making hands-free movie-watching easier.) At 1.8 pounds, it won't weigh down a carry-on, but it's more cumbersome to whip out than a phone.

KLIPSCH IMAGE S4 HEADPHONES (\$80)

PROS: For some people, the iPod's standard-issue white ear buds get uncomfortable when worn in long stretches. Travelers will find comfort in the S4's small, tapered ear buds, which come with soft tips in different sizes. I found them more comfortable than iPod buds. They're sturdier, and they block out some ambient noise. When I wore them on my subway commute, I could still hear announcements over the loudspeaker, but not other people's conversations or the rattle of the tracks. As a bonus, the buds come with a metal carrying case and a tool to clean off earwax.

CONS: The cable tangles easily and is awfully thin, although the ear buds are covered by a generous two-year warranty should they break. Over-the-ear headphones with active noise cancellation, such as Audio-Technica's ATH-ANC1 QuietPoint head-

phones (\$80), are better at muffling the roar of jet engines.

iGO LAPTOP TRAVEL CHARGER (\$100)

PROS: Every laptop comes with a power brick, but this one, made by iGo, is easier to take on the road and works with a variety of Windows-based laptops, thanks to a bevy of "tips," or adapters, that fit into differing power jacks. Someone who travels with two or more laptops could find it a god-send. Weighing 13.5 ounces and measuring 0.7 inches thick, the charger is lighter and thinner than most AC adapters for full-size laptops. It comes standard with a cigarette-lighter adapter.

CONS: Not compatible with Macs. Works with international wall current, but you still need a separate adapter to plug it into the wall in most countries.



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NMHC IFB 2010-012 - AMENDMENT #01

This ad is paid for by NMHC with HUD funds.

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby give notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids for the **SINAPALO CHILDREN'S PARK REVITALIZATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**, in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested individuals or firms may pick up a copy of the Project Package beginning **Monday, November 22, 2010**, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, or at the Field Office in Songsong Village, Rota, during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday except CNMI holidays. Inquiries may be directed to Ms. Jocelyn S. Kaipat, Office Manager, at telephone numbers. (670) 234-6866/7689 during regular business hours or Mr. Mark Manglona, Rota Field Office Representative, at (670) 532-9410. A non-refundable payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by cash, money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

Bidders are advised that this project is subject to compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act and the Labor Standard Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the Commonwealth. All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate of \$4.55 per hour as established by Federal law or the U. S. Department of Labor General Decision No. CM100001 03/12/2010 CM1 superseded General Decision No. CM2008-0001, whichever is greater.

A **mandatory pre-bid conference** will be held at **1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30, 2010**, at the proposed project site located in Sinapalo, Rota, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to walk through the proposed site, familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director of the NMHC, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, or faxed to (670) 322-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time, Wednesday, December 1, 2010.

Sealed bids must be marked **NMHC-IFB 2010-012**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, not later than **10:00 a.m.**, local time **Wednesday, December 29, 2010**. Bids received after the date and time will not be accepted. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m.**, local time, **Wednesday, December 29, 2010**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@picom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **Wednesday, December 29, 2010**, and must be received at Procurement and Supply no later than **Wednesday, January 5, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at **10:00 a.m.**, local time, **Thursday, January 6, 2011**. However, if no notice of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m.**, local time on **Wednesday, December 29, 2010**.

A bid bond of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. 500514, Saipan, MP 96950. Bid bonds must be certified by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment Bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. Pursuant to Governor's Directive 251 dated March 15, 2006, bidders are required to include a Clearance from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner with respect to the financial bonding capability of the bidders' chosen Surety.

Performance time for completion of this project is one hundred fifty (150) calendar days. Liquidated damages will be assessed at Two Hundred Dollars (US\$200.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provided to the Commonwealth. This project is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires recipients of HUD funds and the contractors to help insure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents and the businesses that serve them "to the maximum extent feasible."

NMHC hereby notifies bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, women and small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, and disability status.

All documents received shall be the sole property of the NMHC with the exception of the Bid Bond, Certified Check, or Cashier's Check, which will be returned to the proposers after the acceptance and award of contract to the successful contractor.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of NMHC, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of the Government.

/S/Marcie M. Tomokane
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Life & Style

Hyatt gives thanks after 30 years of authentic hospitality

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**
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REPORTER

Savory hors d'oeuvres, tempting desserts, and overflowing drinks highlighted Hyatt Regency Saipan's 30th anniversary grand cocktail at the hotel's gardens on Dec. 1.

Yesterday's celebration featured the official start of the hotel's holiday season with the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, the unveiling of the 30th Anniversary Photo Gallery, and the awarding of the hotel's four pioneering employees.

Hyatt Regency Saipan celebrated 30 years of authentic hospitality with a number of patrons and vendors that have contributed to the success of the only international hotel on island.

General manager Nick Nishikawa also expressed his gratitude to the hotel's workforce. "Without your support, without my team, Hyatt Regency Saipan is not here today," he said.



Hyatt Regency Saipan GM Nick Nishikawa is joined by longstanding employees in cutting the cake that celebrates the resort hotel's 30th anniversary on Saipan.



The 30th Anniversary Photo Gallery at the Hyatt Regency Saipan lobby features anniversary commemorative photos.

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General manager Nick Nishikawa poses with longstanding employees of Hyatt Regency Saipan. From left, Nishikawa, Evelyn Vidal, Hinami Tarkong, Mihir Rout, Delfin Florendo, and Human Resources director Josephine Mesta.



Jay Santos of Triple J Saipan, Yoichi Matsumura of Pacific Development, and Charles Cepeda of Pacific Trading Corp. join the anniversary revelry.



Commonwealth Zoning Board chair Herminia Fusco and daughter Rachel with Tasi Tours general manager David Igitol.



Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick Nishikawa, left, welcomes guests Dr. Gene Eagle-Oden and Anna Glushko of the Glushko's Academy.



Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores, right, enjoys the night's celebration.



Shenanigans Restaurant owners Mike and Bel Busby spend time with son Rafael at the Hyatt Regency Saipan anniversary party.

Left, employees have their picture taken by the Christmas tree at the entrance of the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

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Kate Bosworth, Geoffrey Rush
Action • Rated R

Synopsis

Kate Bosworth, Geoffrey Rush, Danny Huston, and Jang Dong-gun star in this visually inventive hybrid martial arts Western tracing the adventures of an Asian assassin who must fight for his life while hiding out in the Wild West.



Tangled

Friday 4:20 7:20 9:40
Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:40
Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20
Mon through Thurs 4:20 7:20

Mandi Moore, Zachary Levi
Children's, Family • Rated PG

Synopsis

The classic Brothers Grimm fairy tale gets a lavish CG makeover as directors Glen Keane and Dean Wellins team to tell the tale of a fair-haired beauty with long-flowing locks, a gallant hero with a heart of gold, and the evil witch who plots to keep these lovelorn innocents apart.



Faster

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Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 9:55
Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30
Mon through Thurs 4:30 7:30

Dwayne Johnson, Billy Bob Thornton
Action, Drama • Rated R

Synopsis

An ex-convict seeks revenge for his brother's death in this action-packed revenge thriller starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. Ten years ago, Driver (Johnson) was part of a bank heist gone horribly awry. In the chaos of the botched robbery, his brother wound up dead. Now Driver is a free man, and he's determined to punish the men who killed his brother.



Burlesque

Friday 4:05 7:05 9:45
Saturday 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:45
Sunday 1:05 4:05 7:05
Mon through Thurs 4:05 7:05

Cher, Christina Aguilera
Musical • Rated PG 13



Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows 1

Friday 4:00 7:00 10:00
Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 10:00
Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00
Mon through Thurs 4:00 7:00

Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson
Fantasy, Children's, Family • Rated PG 13



Unstoppable

Friday 4:25 7:25 9:35
Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:35
Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25
Mon through Thurs 4:25 7:25

Denzel Washington, Chris Pine
Action • Rated PG 13



Megamind

Friday 4:15 7:15 9:30
Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:30
Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15
Mon through Thurs 4:15 7:15

Will Farrell, Tina Fey
Comedy, Children's/family • Rated PG

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A first, 2 contestants quit 'Survivor'

NEW YORK (AP)—For one night, "Survivor" became "quitter."

Two contestants quit the CBS game in an episode aired on Wednesday. That's a first

for the show, which has had only four others leave of their own choice in a history that goes back a decade.

NaOnka Mixon, a 27-year-old gym teacher from Los Angeles, said relentless rain at the show's Nicaragua setting made her joints ache. Mixon hasn't been a fan favorite, since cameras once caught her stealing food from her fellow players.

She left with one head-shaking act of selfishness. After being part of a winning team in a reward challenge where the

prize was a movie screening with popcorn and hot dogs to eat, host Jeff Probst asked for one volunteer to give up the prize in order to give the losers extra rice and a tarp. Even though she had already said she was going home, Mixon wouldn't volunteer—leaving the hero turn to Holly Hoffman, a 44-year-old swim coach from Eureka, S.D. The other quitter was 20-year-old Kelly Shinn, a nursing student from Mesa, Ariz. Shinn said: "I just feel like I'm breaking down."

Ex-detective: Publicist killed out by expert shot

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Whoever killed Hollywood publicist Ronni Chasen was an expert shot who was able to squeeze off multiple rounds in a tight and deadly formation, a retired investigator who saw a preliminary coroner's report said Wednesday.

Gil Carrillo, who recently retired as a lieutenant after 38 years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, said he reviewed the document after it was obtained by KTTV

Fox 11 News.

"The thing that stands out is the shots, where they were and the lack of hits anywhere else," Carrillo told The Associated Press. "It's a good shot group."

The close grouping suggests the shooting was carried out by a hit man and was not the result of a gang attack or road rage, Carrillo told the AP.

Beverly Hills police have not released a possible motive and remained tightlipped about progress in the investigation.

Snipes ordered to Pa. prison for tax evasion

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Actor Wesley Snipes was ordered Wednesday to voluntarily surrender at a federal prison in Pennsylvania next week to begin his three-year sentence for failing to pay taxes.

The U.S. Marshal's Office ordered Snipes to report by noon on Dec. 9 to the Federal Correctional Institution McKean in Lewis Run, Pa.

Snipes had tried unsuccessfully to remain free on bail while appealing his conviction to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The 48-year-old star of the "Blade" trilogy was convicted in 2008 on three misdemeanor counts of willful failure to file income tax returns in 1999, 2000, and 2001. He was acquitted of five other charges, including felony tax fraud and conspiracy.

His attorney, Daniel Meachum, didn't immediately respond to an e-mail seeking comment.

The prison is a medium security facility with an adjacent satellite prison camp for minimum security offenders.

Orlando Bloom burglar re-arrested over drug charge

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A reality TV star who was jailed earlier this year for burglarizing Orlando Bloom's house was arrested again Wednesday after authorities say they found her in possession of black tar heroin.

Alexis Neiers was taken into custody after officers went to her home for a compliance check and found the drugs and paraphernalia, said Los Angeles County Probation Department spokeswoman Kerri Webb.

Webb said officers also found Neiers with a Florida driver's license in another name with a

false age.

The aspiring model, who was on the E! Entertainment Television show "Pretty Wild," is being held without bail. She is being held on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia and identity theft.

The 19-year-old spent 30 days of a six month sentence in jail this year after pleading no contest to burglarizing Bloom's house as part of a group accused of several celebrities' home break-ins. Her court case was prominently featured on the E! show.

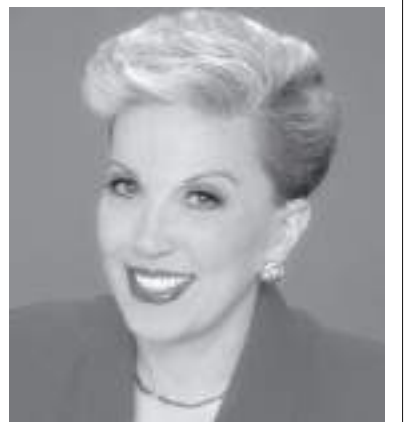


WALK OF FAME

AP Academy Award winning actress Reese Witherspoon holds her co-star Chihuahua dog Bruiser, as she is honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010, in Los Angeles. The "Walk the Line" actress unveiled her Hollywood Walk of Fame honor on Wednesday outside the W Hollywood Hotel. It's the 2,425th star dedicated on the celebrated avenue. In 2006, Witherspoon won the best-actress Academy Award for her portrayal of June Carter Cash in "Walk the Line." Her credits also include "Pleasantville," "Cruel Intentions," "Sweet Home Alabama" and "Legally Blonde."

Father's oddball behavior cries out for treatment

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend's father is very odd socially. If there is a line, he will unknowingly cross it. He has no sense of what is appropriate when it comes to personal space, and his only friends are teenagers. His wife and two grown children are constantly upset with his bizarre behavior, but dare not bring it up with him for fear of hurting his feelings.

As a health care worker, I suspect he has Asperger's syndrome, for which behavioral treatment is available. Must I "just ignore" this man's odd conduct as well? Or should I speak with my boyfriend about my suspicions in order to get his father help?

NEW DOCTOR IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR NEW DOCTOR: Of course you should discuss this with your boyfriend. To do so would be a kindness. Whether his father is open to therapy is not assured—but if he's intelligent, he must be aware that he doesn't fit in with his contemporaries, and he may accept help if it is offered.

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DEAR ABBY: As we head toward Christmas, would you remind people to please treat others as they, themselves, would want to be treated?

I work in retail, and it's amazing how many customers are rude. They don't acknowledge us, they'll talk on their cell phone throughout transactions and become angry at us if something beyond our control goes wrong. If we were to treat them this way, they would surely file a complaint against us.

Abby, can you remind folks to remember what the reason for the season is, and to act toward others with kindness, patience and respect—no matter what?

MINDFUL IN FAIRBANKS

DEAR MINDFUL: There is something about Christmas that can turn the most angelic individuals into goblins. And that "something" is the pressure to buy, buy, buy—accumulating debt that can't be repaid for months or even longer. Add to that, no place to park and long lines in understaffed malls, and the "joy" of the season can curdle into frustration.

But readers, please hang onto your tempers even if those around you are losing theirs. The folks behind the counters are people, too, and they feel as pressured if not more so—than you.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married 40 years. Five years ago, she told me she didn't want me in our bedroom and that she is "off limits." She said she is not interested in me "that way" anymore.

Other than that, we have a great marriage and we're best friends, but I can't go on like this. I have suggested counseling, but she refuses to go. What do you think I should do?

MISSING THE KISSING

DEAR MISSING: I think you should talk to a counselor without her. You have some important decisions to make about how you will spend the rest of your life, and it's a shame your wife does not want to be a part of the discussion and, possibly, reach a compromise. But unless both of you are happy being roommates, the current situation is unfair to you.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Cee Lo, Eminem up for song of the year

The song that was too profane for radio is now a contender for one of the Grammys' highest honors. Cee Lo's "(Expletive) You" was nominated for song of the year, along with Eminem's "Love the Way You Lie" (featuring Rihanna), Lady Antebellum's "Need You Now," Miranda Lambert's "The House That Built Me" and "Beg Steal Or Borrow" by Ray LaMontagne. Cee Lo's "(Expletive) You" was an instant viral hit but had to be changed for radio to "Forget You." The announcement was made as part of the Grammys' hourlong live nominations special on CBS from Club Nokia in Los Angeles. The Grammys will be awarded Sunday, Feb. 13, at Staples Center in Los Angeles and broadcast live on CBS. (AP)

Alan Cumming slips on red sneakers for AIDS Day

NEW YORK (AP)—Alan Cumming is in the red for World AIDS Day - red sneakers that is. The actor was the first person to don a pair of limited edition Converse sneakers released Wednesday by Red, an organization that raises money to fight AIDS. The sneakers are designed by British artist Damien Hirst. Cumming says World AIDS Day is usually about, in his words, "Um, still no cure." But this year there is actually good news. He says he hopes others buy Red products to fund initiatives like the group's campaign to get pregnant mothers access to medication that can prevent them from passing HIV on to their children. Red says could lead to an AIDS-free generation by 2015. Cumming appears in CBS' "The Good

Wife" and the film "The Tempest," which opens Dec. 10.

Tarantino roasted by Jackson at Friars Club

NEW YORK (AP)—Samuel L. Jackson was serving as roastmaster as the Friars Club honored Quentin Tarantino with a gala event in New York. Uma Thurman, Brett Ratner, Sarah Silverman, Eli Roth, and Harvey Keitel were among the dozen that ripped into Tarantino with venomous humor on Wednesday. And Tarantino took it like a champ. Before the event, the enigmatic writer and director wasn't sure if he could be offended. He said, "I guess we'll find out." Originally scheduled for October, the roast had been postponed because of the death of Tarantino's longtime film editor and close friend Sally Menke. The event packed the Hilton ballroom, drawing a record-setting crowd of nearly 2,300.

Facebook founder interview to air on '60 Minutes'

NEW YORK (AP)—CBS says Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg will appear in his first television interview since the feature film about him and the creation of his company premiered this fall. His interview will air Sunday on "60 Minutes." The network said Wednesday that Zuckerberg will talk about "The Social Network," which featured a dark portrayal of him by Jesse Eisenberg, as well as the direction he's taking his company and his status as one of America's most influential figures. The interview is conducted by Lesley Stahl. "60 Minutes" airs Sunday at 7 p.m. Eastern on CBS.

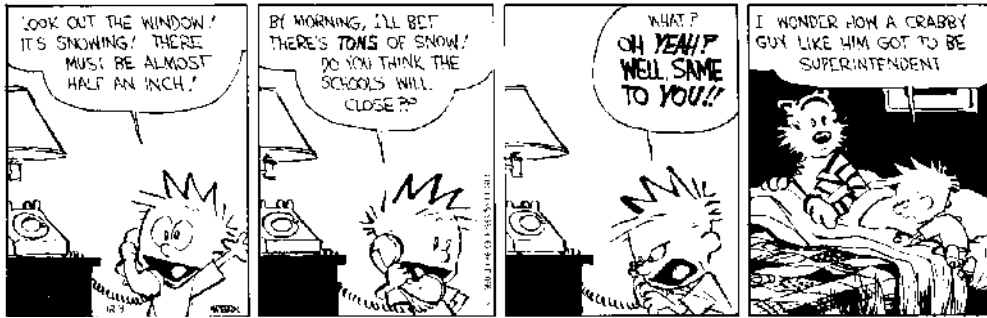
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51 Curvy character

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 12-3

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Amanda Seyfried, 25; Bruno Campos, 37; Holly Marie Combs, 37; Julianne Moore, 50

Happy Birthday: It's a year of sharing and expanding. Patience and insight will be required to reach your goals. Your status will change with the choices you make, so it's imperative that you do not make a mistake that can hinder your progress or ruin your reputation. Being prepared will maintain a good relationship with everyone involved. Your numbers are 7, 14, 19, 23, 35, 38, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Set a budget and stick to it. Investing in your skills is the best thing you can do. You have more to offer than you realize and should list your qualifications and redo your resume. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Whether it's a business connection or someone you love, you have to listen to complaints in order to find solutions and keep the people you deal with every day content. Keep an open heart and mind. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can be creative and disciplined at the same time—in fact, the combination is likely to lead to success. Don't worry about what others do or say, focus on what you feel is the right thing for you to do. Someone will recognize your talent. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Love is highlighted whether you are in a relationship or single, so use your time wisely. Mingle with other singles or have a romantic dinner with the one you love. Good fortune can be yours if you accept change. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It's time to make some serious changes at home and in your personal relationships. Someone you have lost touch with is still upset with you. Consider what you need to do to reconnect and make amends. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have plenty to be thankful for. Make some interesting changes at home. Implement what needs doing. A relationship needs to be re-evaluated so you can either make a commitment or move on. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It's time to re-think your strategy and to realize what you may have done wrong in the past. Talk to someone you trust. Don't let depression sink in when all that's required are a couple of changes that will motivate you to reach your goals. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You should be spending more time nurturing what you've been building both personally and professionally. Learn from the mistakes you made. Someone who has stuck by you will not let you down but does deserve to be recognized as your equal. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Unexpected change will catch you off guard. Letting your anger get the better of you will not help matters. Lean on someone you know you can trust and who has the knowledge and expertise to help you through any adversity. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on work, money and positioning yourself

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to get ahead in the new year. A relationship will take a passionate turn. Someone from your past may not approve of what you are doing. Balance your past and present by being honest and open. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't make a commitment just yet. You may end up changing your mind or realizing that you still have feelings for someone from your past. Concentrate more on getting ahead, learning a new skill and self-improvement. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Contracts, settlements and investments are looking good. The sooner you finalize what you have been trying so hard to achieve, the earlier you will be able to get into the spirit of the season and celebrate. Change is inevitable, so adapt to it. ****

Birthday Baby: You are progressive and independent. You are a humanitarian, a good speaker and a courageous and loving friend.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

ELEPHANT RIDES

Solution: 8 letters

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Westbrook leads Thunder over Nets in 3 OTs



NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)—Russell Westbrook capped a 38-point, 15-rebound performance by scoring all of Oklahoma City's 13 points in the third overtime as the Thunder overcame the absence of an injured Kevin Durant with a 123-120 win against the New Jersey Nets on Wednesday night.

Jeff Green added a career-high 37 points as the Thunder outlasted New Jersey in a game in which the Nets equalized at the end of regulation on a running 26-foot 3-pointer by Anthony Morrow, then blew leads of six points in the first overtime and three points with 4.6 seconds to go in the second.

Brook Lopez led New Jersey with 28 points and 11 rebounds. Jordan Farmar added a career-high 28 points and nine assists while starting for injured point guard Devin Harris.

Rockets 109, Lakers 99

At Houston, Kevin Martin scored 22 points and Shane Battier added 11 of his 17 in the final three minutes to lift the Rockets over Los Angeles.

The loss is the fourth in a row for the Lakers, who were led by Kobe Bryant's 27 points.

Lamar Odom had a season-high 25 points with 11 rebounds and two blocks, but did not score in the fourth quarter. Matt Barnes added 14 points and eight rebounds.

Clippers 90, Spurs 85

At Los Angeles, Blake Griffin had 31 points and 13 rebounds, while Eric Gordon added 21 points as Los Angeles ended an 18-game skid against San Antonio.

Baron Davis had seven points and 10 assists in his return from a 10-game injury absence for the Clippers, who have the league's worst record with four wins and 15 losses. They still beat the club with the NBA's best record for the second time in 10 days, following a similarly stunning win over New Orleans late last month.

George Hill scored 17 points and Manu Ginobili added 15 for the Spurs, who dropped to 15-3 with their first



Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook, left, is fouled by New Jersey Nets center Brook Lopez as he puts up a shot during the third overtime of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010, in Newark, N.J.

road loss of the season after an 8-0 start away from San Antonio.

Magic 107, Bulls 78

At Chicago, Jameer Nelson scored 24 points as Orlando spoiled the Bulls debut of forward Carlos Boozer.

Boozer played his first game of the season after missing all of Chicago's preseason games plus the first 15 of the regular season after breaking the fifth metatarsal in his right hand in an accident at his home on Oct. 2. Tentative

most of the game, he finished with five points and two rebounds in 22 minutes, shooting 2 for 5 from the floor.

Celtics 99, Trail Blazers 95

At Boston, Ray Allen missed his first five 3-point attempts before hitting one with 10.7 seconds left to help the Celtics hold off a late charge by Portland.

It was Boston's fifth straight victory, and the fifth straight loss for Portland.

Paul Pierce scored 28 points, Kevin Garnett had 17 points and eight re-

bounds, and Rajon Rondo had 10 points and 10 assists as the Celtics built a 96-80 lead, then watched the Blazers score 15 in a row to make it a one-point game with 42 seconds left. Pierce dribbled down the 24-second clock, then fed it to Allen on the left side for the clinching 3.

Heat 97, Pistons 72

At Miami, LeBron James scored 18 points in the final game before he heads back to Cleveland as an opponent, while Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh each added 16 for the Heat.

Miami visits Cleveland on Thursday, James' first trip back to his former arena as an opposing player.

Mavericks 100, Timberwolves 86

At Dallas, Shawn Marion scored 16 points as the Mavericks posted their seventh consecutive victory.

Tyson Chandler had 14 rebounds in the third quarter, setting a Mavericks record for any quarter, and finished with 18 overall. Lorenzo Williams and Popeye Jones shared the previous quarter mark of 12 boards.

J.J. Barea scored 14 points and Jason Terry had 12 as Dallas' backups outscored their counterparts 59-32.

The Mavericks were playing their sixth game in nine nights, and they were able to rest stars Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Kidd and Caron Butler. Nowitzki and Butler had 10 points apiece.

Raptors 127, Wizards 108

At Toronto, DeMar DeRozan scored 20 points while Andrea Bargnani and Sonny Weems each had 18 as Toronto set a season high in points.

Toronto led by as many as 27 and avenged a 109-94 loss at Washington on Nov. 16. The Raptors shot 51 for 88 (58 percent), their highest percentage of the season.

JaVale McGee scored 21 points for the Wizards, who have lost four straight and fell to 0-9 on the road.

Hawks 112, Grizzlies 109

At Atlanta, the Hawks had six play-

ers score in double figures, including a season-high 16 points off the bench by Josh Powell, to overcome the loss of Joe Johnson, the team's four-time All-Star and top scorer. The Hawks have won four straight.

Mike Bibby, who had 15 points, hit three 3-pointers in the last 5 minutes after Memphis trailed just 95-94. Bibby's last 3, with 17 seconds remaining, came after Horford and Josh Smith grabbed offensive rebounds to extend a long possession.

Rudy Gay led Memphis with 23 points.

Hornets 89, Bobcats 73

At New Orleans, David West scored 22 points and New Orleans beat Charlotte to end a two-game skid.

Emeka Okafor had 14 points and 13 rebounds, and Chris Paul dished out 14 assists for New Orleans. Trevor Ariza and Willie Green each scored 10 points for the Hornets.

Gerald Wallace led Charlotte with 18 points.

Nuggets 105, Bucks 94

At Denver, Nene scored 24 points and the Denver Nuggets weathered the third-quarter ejection of star forward Carmelo Anthony to beat the Milwaukee Bucks for their season-best fifth consecutive win.

J.R. Smith had 20 points and 10 rebounds and Chauncey Billups added 16 points for the Nuggets, who defeated the only team to sweep the season series from them last year. Milwaukee went 2-0 against Denver in 2009-10.

John Salmons scored 21 points for the Bucks.

Jazz 110, Pacers 88

At Salt Lake City, Deron Williams had 24 points and 16 assists, and fueled a 35-point first quarter as the Utah Jazz beat the Indiana Pacers.

It was the seventh straight win for the Jazz (15-5) and fifth in a row at home.

Darren Collison led Indiana with 16 points. Brandon Rush and Roy Hibbert added 15 apiece for the Pacers, who had their four-game road win streak end.

CLEVELAND (AP)—They're coming armed with lingering anger from an emotional summer breakup. They're going to yell and scream and vent at someone who did them wrong. It's the Akron kid they watched grow up, the one they loved, the one who restored hope ... only to rip their hearts out.

Indeed, Cleveland fans are on edge this week. And that can mean only one thing: LeBron James, Northeast Ohio's prodigal son, is coming home.

On Thursday night, James returns to a city he captivated for seven seasons to face the Cavaliers, his former team and a franchise he lifted to unimagined heights and almost to an NBA title. But when the 25-year-old, wearing a No. 6 Miami Heat jersey, steps onto the floor of Quicken Loans Arena as a visitor, he will be the enemy and the eye of a fierce storm he created.

"I hope he's safe," said Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant. "Just from everything that happened this summer, fans are very upset."

This homecoming king won't be crowned or applauded, for sure. Not this time. On Thursday, James will be surrounded—20,000 against 1.

The same crowd he once thrilled will

Cleveland ready to vent at lost son LeBron

be outwardly hostile and hateful toward him, but hopefully, harmless. He'll be booed, taunted and subjected to ridicule beyond his imagination.

"He deserves every bit of it," said Jim Osherow, a Cavaliers' season-ticket holder for 36 years. "When you leave a team the way he did, that's what you got coming. It was rotten what he did. It's not just that he ruined the fans' expectations of him, but he ruined this franchise from being able to pick up any other free agents. Then he goes and has his own show? Wrong. Wrong, man."

James and Cavaliers fans went their separate ways in July. Five months later, they'll meet face to faces with the potential for closure.

No one knows exactly what to expect before, during or after James' hyped return, a game Cleveland fans first circled on their calendars months ago and a nationally televised event that civic leaders and the NBA trust will not develop into an embarrassment.

Extra security measures have been implemented to prevent trouble and to protect James. The Heat typically distribute

the team's travel itinerary as a courtesy to beat writers covering the team, but did not for the trip to Cleveland, which will begin following Wednesday night's home game against Detroit.

The Cavaliers, who were James' caretakers for seven years, are taking extra steps to safeguard the two-time league MVP. There will be uniformed and undercover police officers in the stands, near Miami's bench and lining the tunnel area leading to the Heat locker room.

Fans will pass through metal detectors—as always when entering The Q—and any purchased beverages will be poured into cups, so plastic bottles can't be thrown.

Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert, fined \$100,000 for blasting James and accusing him of quitting in the hours after the All-Star announced his intentions to leave, believes fans will react strongly ... but safely.

"I'm sure a lot of them will make their feelings known, but as long as everybody plays by the rules and doesn't go over the top, everything will be fine,"

said Gilbert, who added he has "moved on" from James' departure. "I really believe that Cleveland people will do the right thing."

That hasn't always been the case. Sadly, two of the most memorable instances of fan-related misconduct happened here. In 1974, Indians fans fueled by 10-cent beers, stormed the field during a game and fought with Texas players. In 2001, Browns fans pelted officials with plastic bottles after a controversial call.

With potential for violence once again, some in Cleveland have preached for peace. The city, after all, doesn't need another black eye. Bishop Prince J. Moultry of the inner-city In Touch for Christ Christian Center has urged his congregation to stay positive when James returns.

"Kill him with kindness," Moultry said. "Don't be no fool, keep your cool."

The atmosphere will be charged. Any spark could ignite rage.

"It's going to be a strange night," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "I'll be happier when it's done and everyone has gotten their say out of the way and ev-

erybody feels better about it. Then, they can go on their merry ways and play basketball. I tend to like it when it's about the game of basketball."

This is about so much more, though.

To the fans, it's a chance to repay James for embarrassing them. It wasn't that he decided to leave as a free agent—other big-name Cleveland athletes like Manny Ramirez, Jim Thome and Albert Belle had done that—it's the way he left.

He teased them throughout his free-agency courtship, leading Cavaliers backers to believe he would make good on his promise to end the city's 46-year championship drought. He toyed with their emotions, building them up to think he would re-sign with Cleveland, which made it to the finals in 2007 and had the league's best record the past two seasons.

What made James' exit worse, though, is that he delivered his "taking my talents to South Beach" line during a one-hour TV special dubbed "The Decision." The production, since panned and spoofed ad nauseum, was the brain child of James and his business partners, who seemed to intentionally name the show like the other notable moments of local sports misery.

Anderson apologizes for post-game rant



TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)—Arizona Cardinals quarterback Derek Anderson has apologized for his Monday night post-game tirade.

"My mom and dad didn't raise me to act like that in times of adversity," he said.

The quarterback's rant, now a nationwide Internet spectacle, came after a series of questions from a reporter about why Anderson was smiling with teammate Deuce Lutui on the sidelines while the Cardinals were trailing by 18 points late in the game. The brief clip of the two grinning had been shown during the Monday night telecast.

Anderson said after the game that it was no one's business what he and Lutui were talking about. As the reporter persisted, Anderson lost his temper and shouted about how he had put his "freaking heart and soul" into the team and that there was nothing funny about it.

He was low-key and contrite as he opened his weekly news conference on Wednesday.

"Let's try to do this in a manner that doesn't end up all over the YouTube, if we can," he said. "... Obviously I was very frustrated by what had happened during the game, and I let my emotions get away from me."

The blowup came after the Cardinals lost their seventh straight 27-6 in a flat, listless performance against the San Francisco 49ers.

"I've been through some rough times in football," Ander-



Arizona quarterback Derek Anderson addresses the media after NFL football practice at the team's at the training facility in Tempe, Ariz., Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010.

son said, "but I think it obviously was one of the most frustrating times for me, a game that I felt like going in that we were very prepared for. I had a very good week of practice, like I said, and to lay an egg on national television was not only frustrating for me but frustrating to every one of the guys that's out here every single day and sees what we're capable of doing."

The pressure has been on

Anderson since coach Ken Whisenhunt named him the starter in the preseason, then released Kurt Warner's heir-apparent, Matt Leinart. At one point, Whisenhunt benched Anderson but went back to him after rookie Max Hall struggled mightily. Whisenhunt said on Tuesday that Anderson will start Sunday against St. Louis.

Whisenhunt has brushed aside the smiling on the side-

lines, saying it's unfair to interpret anything from a few seconds of video. On Wednesday, Whisenhunt repeated his praise of Anderson's work ethic.

"I give that man his credit," the coach said. "He works hard, he studies hard. It's important to him. That position is a tough position."

Anderson entered the season completing 52.9 percent of his passes for his NFL career. He's

at 52.8 percent this year. Among starting quarterbacks, only Carolina rookie Jimmy Clausen is lower at 50 percent.

"What gets lost is the situations that you're in sometimes," Whisenhunt said. "I think that's a tough way to judge it but that's the way a lot of people do."

Arizona's offense ranks 31st out of 32 teams, and as always is the case with quarterbacks, Anderson gets the brunt of the

criticism from fans.

"Our expectations for him in that position are that we can do some things and move the football and we haven't been doing that as good this year," Whisenhunt said. "And that's on everybody, but as with that position, he gets the blame for it. That's the tough part of it."

Anderson said he tries to avoid his critics.

"I don't know necessarily how much I have been blamed," he said. "I put my phones away yesterday and everything. I just keep a close-knit family and friends around me and we talk about life, which I think is the best way to handle times when they are rough like this for everybody."

Running back Tim Hightower said he felt for his quarterback over the last two days.

"People don't realize exactly how much pressure he has on his shoulders," Hightower said. "For people to point the finger at him and say he's the problem, it's easy to point out the problem when you haven't walked a mile in that guy's shoes. You have no clue the preparation that he does on a day in day out basis."

"I was going through the same thing when I was fumbling. ... All I can do is support him."

Favre says no word on NFL investigation

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP)—Brett Favre has faced demanding questions from the media for 20 years, never more than this season while he's been embroiled in a messy NFL investigation and struggled mightily on the field for the Minnesota Vikings.

When he finally does decide to hang up the pads, which he insisted Wednesday will happen for good at the end of this long and trying season, the 41-year-old quarterback said that he may look to turn the tables.

"Might be a reporter," Favre quipped. "Ask some tough questions."

He answered a few more of them on Wednesday.

After the Vikings fired coach Brad Childress, who had a well-documented history of butting heads with his QB, some figured the old man would change his mind again and decide to play in 2011. After all, Favre confidante Leslie Frazier is the interim coach.

"I'm done," Favre said, his voice hoarse from being sick for the past week. "I'm done."

The way this season has gone, it's hard to blame him.

The investigation into allegations that he sent a game-day hostess inappropriate text messages and photos while both worked for the New York Jets in 2008 has dragged on for two months now.

An NFL spokesman said Wednesday that the investigation is continuing and Favre said he has not been summoned by the league for another meeting and has no idea when it will reach a conclusion.

"To be honest with you, I haven't even thought about it," Favre said. "My focus is on this team, which is tough enough as it is. I'm not concerned about that (investigation)."

He has also been battered on the field during the Vikings' disappointing 4-7 start. Favre is playing with two fractures in his ankle and has dealt with tendinitis in his elbow, stitches in his chin and stiffness in his throwing shoulder among other injuries and ailments.

"Now it's malaria," Favre joked. "Got bit by a mosquito last week."

After putting together one of his best seasons last year—a

33-touchdown, seven-interception masterpiece that led the Vikings to the NFC title game—Favre is having one of his worst in year 20. He leads the league with 17 interceptions and his 71.0 passer rating is 30th, ahead of only Derek Anderson, Bruce Gradkowski and Jimmy Clausen.

Is that the way he wants to go out?

Favre knows that his history of waffling about the end of his career has left many doubters. Even some of his teammates won't believe he's done until they get a text from him while he is watching the 2011 season opener from his couch in Mississippi.

"I'm sure that will be the talk of the whole offseason," cornerback Antoine Winfield said with a hearty chuckle. "We'll wait and see what happens."

Favre spoke glowingly of the way Frazier handled his first week as a head coach, which ended with a 17-13 win at Washington on Sunday.

"He's just so unassuming. Half the time you really don't know he's there," Favre said. "But a lot of the guys have a tremendous amount of respect for

him and his philosophy and it shows. The guys, I think, think the world of him."

His respect for Frazier aside, Favre sounded reflective as he pondered what is waiting for him when he finally retires. Even though this season has been such a struggle, he has no regrets about returning to play. He will start his NFL record 297th straight game on Sunday against the Buffalo Bills and holds every major passing record in the books.

"As I said when I came back, I'm here to win a Super Bowl," Favre said. "We had big expectations. It hasn't gone the way we hoped up to this point, but again, my career speaks for itself. I think it's been a great career. I don't know how the remaining games will unfold but that's it."

One of the savviest athletes to ever take a podium for a press conference, Favre was taken aback a little bit when asked if he was mentally ready to be done playing a game that has defined him for two decades.

"I wasn't expecting that question," he said. "That's kind of deep. I don't know. I know

when I look back and maybe it's next year people say will you watch games? I'm sure I'll watch some. But, for me, everything that could possibly accomplish, I've accomplished, which is amazing."

With nothing left to prove—Favre has a Super Bowl ring to go with all those records and beat the Green Bay Packers twice last year to show GM Ted Thompson that he still had something left in the tank—he said he can head home to Mississippi without looking back.

He isn't sure what he'll do next. The long hours of coaching in the NFL make that idea a nonstarter, and he isn't immediately interested in joining the ranks of past stars who become television analysts.

When he raised the idea of becoming a reporter, someone suggested that he ask the questions at his last press conference of the season.

"I'd come in here with a long list of them," Favre cracked.

Or maybe his first interview could be Randy Moss.

"Moss?" Favre asked. "Ehhh, that'd be a tough interview."

Panthers S Martin fined \$40,000 for illegal hit

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Carolina Panthers safety Sherrod Martin has gone from being featured in a video on illegal hits to paying a hefty price for the NFL's crackdown on blows to the head.

Martin said Wednesday he's been fined \$40,000 for a helmet-to-helmet hit on tight end Evan Moore in Sunday's loss to Cleveland, with the large penalty coming in part because he's a repeat offender.

Martin has been on the NFL's radar since Week 1, when he was docked \$5,000 for a hit on New York Giants tight end Kevin Boss that gave Boss a concussion. The play was the first example in a video sent to teams as the league later announced increased penalties for dangerous hits.

Now Martin will pay the price for his fourth infraction and ensuing fine for unnecessary roughness in his two-year career. With a base salary of \$395,000, the latest fine will cost the 2009 second-round pick from Troy nearly two game checks.

Martin declined to comment Wednesday while his teammates expressed dismay at the size of the penalty. Houston's Andre Johnson and Tennessee cornerback Cortland Finnegan were fined \$25,000 each for a wild, helmet-less fight in Sunday's game.

Woods gets last chance for a win



THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP)—The goal for Tiger Woods has always been to

be better than he was the year before. Despite losing his marriage and every tournament he played, he still gave himself a passing grade.

"As a golfer, I learned so much more this year than any other year—and as a person, infinitely more," Woods said Tuesday. "So it's been a very successful year, even though it was a very painful year, as well."

That year comes to a close with the Chevron World Challenge, which starts Thursday featuring an 18-man field of players inside the top 50 in the world ranking. Woods has won the last two times he played, although he missed the last two years—in 2008 while recovering from knee surgery, and last year because of the Thanksgiving night accident that led to revelations of his infidelity.

It was a year that Woods described as "harder than anyone could have imagined."

On Tuesday of tournament week a year ago, the Florida Highway Patrol cited him for reckless driving and fined him \$164 for running his SUV over a fire hydrant and into a tree outside his home, while

a magazine had a cover story from a cocktail waitress who said she had 300 text messages to prove her 31-month affair with Woods.

His personal life was just starting to unravel.

Woods said he never thought about walking away from golf for the entire year, shooting down speculation in a book that he would enlist in the Navy. Woods said as a kid, he either wanted to be a pro golfer or a Navy SEAL.

"I love playing the game of golf," Woods said. "It's fun, it's certainly challenging, and it's also something that I know when I do it right, I'm pretty good at it."

That was not lost on Ian Poulter as he hit balls on the range Tuesday morning and talked about the world ranking, amazed that Woods has lost more ranking points than any player has earned this year.

Poulter recalled a time not long ago when the distance between Woods and whoever was No. 2 in the world was greater than No. 2 and the player ranked 100th or lower.

"It shows how good," Poulter said, pausing. It sounded as though he was ready to say "how good he was," but the Englishman caught himself, because he believes Woods will return. "It shows how good he can be when he's at

his best."

Can he get it back? "I think it's in him even more," Poulter said.

Woods talked about the need to change his personal life and his golf swing, but he never explained until Tuesday why he had to change a swing that had brought him 31 tour victories, including six majors, under Hank Haney.

"As I played throughout the summer, I kept trying to do the things that I was working on with Hank over the years, and it just wasn't working anymore, and it got to a point where I just couldn't do it," he said. "It's kind of hard to try and play tournament level golf, major championship golf especially, when at the time I was struggling with which way the ball was going to go. That's not fun."

Why wasn't it working? "For some reason, it just wasn't," he said. "And it was time to go a different route."

Woods is back to work this week, although only he knows to what degree his life is back to normal. He had a board meeting with the Tiger Woods Foundation on Monday night—Woods picked up the tab for dinner—and more meetings as the host of this tournament on Tuesday before a press conference and some work on the practice range.

Baseball players prefer talks on expanded playoffs



Baseball players want owners to hold off on approving a detailed plan for how to expand the playoffs until after the sides can negotiate over the addition of two more wild-card teams.

Union head Michael Weiner consulted with his members this week during his executive board's annual meeting, which is being held in Orlando, Fla.

"Coming out of our meeting, it's our sense that the most productive way to proceed on this topic would be for the parties to engage in discussions before settling on any specific proposals," Weiner said Wednesday during a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Commissioner Bud Selig said following an owners' meeting in mid-November that his special 14-man committee will discuss adding two wild-card teams when it meets Dec. 7 during the winter meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Players have said they are open to the extra round, more likely to be added for 2012

than next year. Rob Manfred, MLB's executive vice president for labor relations, said the change would be "a difficult trick to pull off" for 2011 because it would have to be a modification of the current labor contract, which runs through next season.

"The players talked about various aspects of the regular season and postseason schedule," Weiner said. "We considered many different scenarios—both changes and the status quo. The discussion covered all of the factors involved with scheduling, mainly competitive considerations, revenue generation and demands on players. We look forward to engaging in discussions with the owners on these topics."

To expand the playoffs, the sides would have to agree on whether the new wild-card round would be single elimination or best-of-three. They also would have to renegotiate the formula for the postseason pool that is split up among players and figure out how to slot more postseason games into a schedule that has spilled into November in recent seasons. (AP)

Red Sox meet with outfielder Crawford

BOSTON (AP)—A baseball official says the Boston Red Sox have met with free agent outfielder Carl Crawford.

The Red Sox are targeting Crawford as the centerpiece of their offseason shopping. A major-league official, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the meeting, confirmed that it took place.

A four-time All-Star, Crawford is one of the top players on the free-agent market. He earned \$10 million from the Tampa Bay Rays last season while hitting .307 with 47 stolen bases and career bests of 19 homers, 90 RBIs and 110 runs scored.

Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein and owner John Henry did not immediately respond to e-mails asking about the meeting. It was originally reported on a Yahoo! Sports Twitter feed.

Crawford is the longest-tenured player in Rays history. Over nine seasons, he is the franchise's career leader in batting average, RBIs, hits, doubles, triples, runs scored and stolen bases.

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Three teams claim Bud Cup championships

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The VFW Angry Dragons, VFW Oh! MG, and Buddies Bar & Grill's

Black Pearls were crowned Saipan Electronic Dart Association's Bud Cup champions after the conclusion of last week's finals matchups.

In the eight-team Master division, Angry Dragons drew the fifth seed on the bracket and won their first round matchup over the sixth-ranked Bull Shooters of Buddies Bar & Grill back on Nov. 10. They went on to send home last place Just 4 Fun of Jonny's Bar last Nov. 17 to advance to the finals.

The TDI Black Stallions were the top finishers of the division during the regular season. They went through the division runner-up Snipers of Oleai Beach Bar & Grill in Round 1 and then



The VFW Angry Dragons won the 2010 SEDA Master Division Bud Cup after upsetting top-ranked TDI Black Stallions, 9-5, at home back last Wednesday.

took out the third seated M-Destroyers of D'Pirates Bar & Grill on their way to the championship game.

In the six-member C-Chichirika division, the regular season's last place finisher, Oh! MG, pulled off an upset over Bar Gaia's World-V to clinch its championship berth.

The regular season division leader, VFW One Shot, was by

far a heavy favorite coming into this matchup, but Oh! MG came ready to compete in the Dec. 1 championship pairing.

One Shot went through second-ranked Jonny's Night Hawks in the first round back last Nov. 17 before defeating fourth-seeded Gaiana-C of Bar Gaia last Dec. 1 to make it through to the finals.

In the six-team Kingfisher

division, No. 3 Black Pearls knocked out D'Pirate's Bar & Grill's Sang and the Gang in the first round and then went on to defeat second-ranked Charlie's Sabalu last Nov. 24 to advance to the championship match.

The fifth-ranked D'Pirates Bar & Grill's Lucky Shots put down the division bottom feeder, USS Peleliu's Slow Hand to earn passage to the finals.

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"The girls are excited to have the opportunity to swim with top swimmers from around the world. The U.S. team going to Dubai has 37 swimmers, including 20 Olympic swimmers. The girls are looking forward to dropping times

and also to being good ambassadors for the CNMI as they meet with other swimmers. It will be a unique experience for them, as they experience the culture of Dubai and take part in a top-level swimming competition," said Lisa Kimball, one of SSC coaches.

The tournament in Dubai will be Grace Kimball and Keanna Villagomez's biggest so far in

their young swimming careers and first major event since the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

Besides the U.S. and the CNMI, 138 other member-federations of FINA will participate in the Dubai tournament, which is expected to attract more than 3,000 spectators, 1,000 swimmers, and 250 media personnel.

UAE will be the first country in the Middle East to host

the championship, which had its inaugural event in 1993 in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Other former hosts included Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (1995), Gothenburg, Sweden (1997), Hong Kong, China (1999) Athens, Greece (2000), Moscow, Russia (2002), Indianapolis, U.S. (2004), Shanghai, China (2006), and Manchester, United Kingdom (2008).

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The Dec. 12 to 17 tournament will take place at the PBEC Association Courts in Childers Road.

Rastguiy's last tournament in New Zealand will be the 2010 Auckland Christmas Tournament. The Dec. 17 to 23 tournament will have two venues—the Scarbro Tennis Centre in 69 Merton Road, Auckland and the Manukau Tennis Centre in Manukau City.

Though the Auckland tournament will not finish until Dec. 23, Rastguiy and her Pacific teammates are expected to complete their games before Dec. 20, as the CNMI junior netter is expected to return to Saipan on Dec. 21.

It will be Rastguiy's first tournament in New Zealand and CNMI coach Jeff Race is excited for his ward.

"This is a dream come true for her, for every junior tennis player in the CNMI. Every year, we hold various tournaments here to select members

of the team for the NPQ and the POJC. Then from POJC, players are selected to represent the Pacific in tournaments in New Zealand and Australia," Race said.

"Every junior tennis player here aims to represent the CNMI in tournaments in New Zealand and Australia and see and experience the level of play there," the CNMI coach added.

Race said he is confident Rastguiy will represent the CNMI and the Pacific well in New Zealand.

"She has been playing great

tennis in the past few months and has been working hard during our tennis classes. She is very excited in playing in New Zealand and I know she will do well there," Race said.

Rastguiy warmed up for the New Zealand trip with a stint in the 2nd Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic. She played in the girls U15 singles and made it to the semifinals before losing to Melody Johnson. In the girls U15 doubles, Rastguiy teamed up with Johnson and they swept Mikayla Lopez and Alina Ishikawa in the finals, 6-4, 6-2.

at Charley's Cabaret. Tomorrow's race will start at 6:15am at the PIC south parking lot, but riders must be at the venue by 5:30am for bike inspection.

Cut-off time has been extended from six to seven hours, but bikers must be at the halfway mark of the 100km event (Radar Station) by 9:45am. If not, riders will not be allowed to complete the race.

Motorists and pedestrians are advised to take extra caution during race day, especially from 6:30am to 9:30am as riders will be in packs when they start the race from the southern part of the island to the northern side and back to PIC.

Tomorrow's race will have competitions in solo division and two-person and four-person team. About 100 bikers are doing the solo race.

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my priority. I'll go up to 140 (pounds), it's no problem," Marquez said through a translator. "Stop making excuses, Manny. Fight me."

The two have met twice before, and both of the bouts were thrilling. They fought to a 12-round draw in 2004, and Pacquiao won a close split decision in March 2008.

Pacquiao promoter Bob Arum said in a phone interview with The Associated Press on Sunday that a third fight with Marquez is a distinct possibility, although just like everyone else, he's waiting to see whether Floyd Mayweather Jr. steps into the ring against Pacquiao in what could be the richest fight in boxing history.

Other candidates include Shane Mosley, who has already put financial numbers on the table for a fight, and welterweight titleholder Andre Berto, who looked sensational in a first-round knockout of Freddy Hernandez on the Marquez undercard Saturday night.

"Mayweather is the priority, but if he doesn't want the fight for whatever reason, then there are three possibilities: Mosley, Berto and Marquez," Arum said. "All I need is two numbers at this stage to go to Pacquiao on: what guarantee they're looking for and how much per home above a certain number (on the pay-per-view)."

Arum wouldn't say what he's been offered by Mosley, but Antonio Margarito received \$3 million plus \$3 per home over 700,000 buys for his loss to Pacquiao earlier this month. Marquez received \$4 million plus \$1 per home over a million when he lost to Mayweather last year.

The Top Rank boss plans to discuss a fight with Berto promoter Lou DiBella on Monday, and hopes to touch base with Marquez's people later in the week. Arum's flying to the Phil-

ippines on Dec. 12 to celebrate Pacquiao's birthday, and will present the offers then.

"My phone is on," said Richard Schaefer of Golden Boy Promotions, which represents Marquez. "If the Pacquiao vs. Marquez III fight isn't happening, it's not because of Golden Boy."

Whoever is chosen to fight Pacquiao, easily the sport's biggest box office attraction, Arum said the fight will be at 147 pounds and there will be no co-promotion—unless the opponent is Mayweather. Otherwise, Top Rank will handle the entire process.

"If we do a deal with Marquez, and it'd be a money deal, they can come and represent Marquez at press conferences and that kind of stuff, but they wouldn't have anything to do with the promotion, nor would Lou," Arum said. "They would in effect be signing the fighter to us, because at this point, Manny doesn't have to do co-promotions with anybody."

The weight stipulation might only be an issue for Marquez, who dropped back to the 135-pound lightweight limit and looked stellar his past two fights. He won an easy decision over Juan Diaz in July before out-slugging Katsidis on Saturday night.

The only time Marquez has fought above lightweight, he was soundly beaten by Mayweather.

Pacquiao, meanwhile, has carried his power with him as he's moved up in weight, and his victory over Margarito earned him a title at junior middleweight—extending his own record for championships to eight divisions. Even then, Pacquiao only weighed 144 1/2 pounds, while Margarito tipped the scales at the contractual limit of 150 pounds.

"The weights are ridiculous because it's the day before that you're weighing, and look at Manny before fighting Margarito, he was a much bigger man," Arum said. "So whatever Marquez weighs, he's going to come in close to Manny."



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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	14	4	.778	—
New York	10	9	.526	4 1/2
Toronto	7	11	.389	7
New Jersey	6	13	.316	8 1/2
Philadelphia	5	13	.278	9

Southeast Division

Orlando	14	4	.778	—
Atlanta	12	7	.632	2 1/2
Miami	11	8	.579	3 1/2
Charlotte	6	12	.333	8
Washington	5	12	.294	8 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	9	7	.563	—
Indiana	9	8	.529	Ω
Cleveland	7	10	.412	2 1/2
Milwaukee	6	12	.333	4
Detroit	6	13	.316	4 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

San Antonio	15	3	.833	—
Dallas	14	4	.778	1
New Orleans	13	5	.722	2
Memphis	8	11	.421	7 1/2

Houston	6	12	.333	9
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Northwest Division

Utah	15	5	.750	—
Oklahoma City	13	6	.684	1 1/2
Denver	11	6	.647	2 1/2
Portland	8	10	.444	6
Minnesota	4	14	.222	10

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	13	6	.684	—
Phoenix	8	9	.471	4
Golden State	8	10	.444	4 1/2
Sacramento	4	12	.250	7 1/2
L.A. Clippers	4	15	.211	9

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riders and first timers joining the race.

Heading the list of this year's participants are Russian pro Konstantin Fast, Asian Games veteran and pro Seong Yoon Choi, former Korea National Team member Seo Joon Yong, 2008 Tour de Jakarta winner Malcolm Rudolph, Cairns Cycling Club Elite A category rider Brendan Skerke, and Guam's Jazy Garcia.

In the women's division, last year's runner-up Chiyo Lombard of Guam is back and will be joined by 2010 70K Tour de DMZ and the KINTEX 77K champion Kim Myo Jin of Korea. The two riders are expected to give local bet Mieke Carey a tough race for the women's open division crown.

Joining the pros, the local bikers, and other off-island cyclists in the lung-busting race are media personnel from Japan, Korea, and Russia. They will be taking footages of the race and these will help market the annual event in their countries.

Japan media will be represented by Funride and Cyclowired, Korea will have the No. 1 cycling magazine—Bicycle Life—on Saipan, plus *AB Road* (travel magazine), *Newsweek* (weekly magazine), and *Power Blogger*. Russia will have the Gran, an outdoor and extreme sports magazine.

Meanwhile, besides the race, PIC has lined up various activities for tomorrow's event.

One of them is the Fantasy HOM, which starts with PIC distributing sheets to riders' bags before the race day. Riders will then have the chance

putting their own HOM "Team" together. They will pick eight riders from the provided list but will not be able to exceed a point cap. Riders are assigned points (fast riders are given high points; first timers are given low points). Results will be announced at the banquet.

Another side event is the devil sprints. The devil will be out on the course in four different areas of the race. Once riders see the devil, they will sprint toward him for a \$50 cash prize. The first rider to reach the devil wins the prize.

Organizers will also have a Poker Run. On four different spots on the course, PIC staff will hold up a giant playing card. The first 10 riders will call out their numbers (if they choose to play) and a random poker hand will be drawn for them. Best hand wins. Results will also be announced at the banquet at 1pm

QQ Car Rental Cup Award Ceremony

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From left, the QQ Cup Mythical 5, made up of Docomo Pacific's guards Elmer Esdrelon and Jun Estolas, IT&E forward Errol Peredo and center Marlon De Dios and Ferrera Builders forward Kae Bernardo pose for a photo after receiving their trophies at halftime of the QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup's Game 1 of the best-of-three finals series between Docomo and Ferrera Builders at the Garapan Basketball Court.



Docomo Pacific's Jun Estolas was selected as the most valuable player of the QQ Cup Regular Season. He also received Mythical 5 honors at the guard position and also won the Best in Assists award.



IT&E's Errol Peredo won Mythical 5 honors at the forward position and also won both the Best in Blocks and Best in Rebounds awards.



QQ Car Rental president James Hann, third from right, presents Buraot swingman Dave Sablan, in red, and Pacific Grocers' Eugene Mangali, third from left, with their co-scoring champions trophies and certificates.



Saimar Pilot's Sonny Lerio was presented with the Best in 3-Pointers trophy in the recently concluded QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup.



Cellular-Pro's Eric Dulfo was selected as the QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup's "Darling Of The Crowd."



Docomo Pacific's Elmer Esdrelon was selected as a member of the QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup's Mythical 5 and also won the Best in Steals trophy.



Ferrera Builders' Andy Mortos was declared "Mr. Sixth Man" of the QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup.



Ferrera Builders' Wowie Abuel won the James Hann Standout Player.



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9 events for CNMI in Dubai swim meet



Keanna Villagomez, left, and Grace Kimball, seen here competing in the 7th Micronesia Games in Palau, are leaving for Dubai this month for the 10th FINA World Swimming Championships.

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The CNMI Swimming Team is scheduled to compete in nine events in the 10th FINA World Swimming Championships in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

The team is composed of swimmers Keanna Villagomez and Grace Kimball and coach Mike Villagomez. The lean CNMI delegation is expected to leave Saipan for Dubai next week, as the FINA tournament will run from Dec. 15 to 19 at the new Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Sports Complex.

The younger Villagomez will open the CNMI's bid in the world championship

when she competes in the 100m backstroke on Day 1 of the short course (25-meter pool) tournament.



On Day 2, both Villagomez and Kimball will plunge into action. They will first race in the 100m freestyle and then join the 50m butterfly event. Kimball will have her third event of the day via the 100m individual medley race.

On Day 3, the two Saipan Swim Club swimmers will

have only one event each. Villagomez will be racing in the 200m backstroke, while Kimball will swim in the 400m freestyle event.

On Day 4, Villagomez will have two events—the 50m backstroke and 50m freestyle. Kimball is joining Villagomez in the 50m freestyle race and will close the CNMI's campaign by participating in the 200m freestyle on Dec. 19.

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Rastguiy off to New Zealand tonight

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Negahr Rastguiy will leave for New Zealand tonight to compete in three tournaments.

Rastguiy will be the CNMI's lone representative to the off-island tournaments, joining the Pacific Oceania Touring Team. She will leave Saipan at 6:20pm tonight and will make a stop in Guam to meet teammates Nadine Del Carmen of Guam and Palau's Ayana Rengiil. The three Micronesia junior netters will then go to Fiji to join the rest of the team. The group will leave Fiji on Dec. 6 and arrive in Auckland on the same day.

From Auckland, Rastguiy and company will head to Hamilton for the 2010 Coca-Cola Waikato Junior Championships. Rastguiy will compete in the U12 division of the six-day tournament (Dec. 7 to 12) scheduled at the Waikato Tennis Centre, Dey St., Hamilton.

From Hamilton, the CNMI netter's next stop will be Gisborne for the 2010 Poverty Bay East Coast Junior Open.

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Negahr Rastguiy, seen here in a local tournament early this year, will leave for New Zealand today to compete in three tournaments.

Record entry in Hell of Marianas



The lead peloton heads up to San Vicente village during last year's Hell of Marianas Century Cycle Race.

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Make way for the 4th Annual Hell of Marianas Century Cycle Race, as more than 170 riders are hitting the

road tomorrow with a mission of completing the grueling 100-kilometer event.

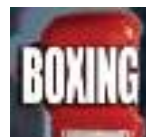
According to organizer Pacific Islands Club, over 170 bikers have registered for the 4th Annual Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle, a more than 50-per-

cent increase from last year's count (106 riders). PIC added that since the inaugural race in 2007, the Hell of Marianas has improved every year with a growing number of pro entry and a mixed of regular weekend

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Marquez ready for Round 3 with Pacquiao

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AP SPORTS WRITER



Juan Manuel Marquez didn't waste any time after defending his lightweight title before setting his sights on Round 3 with Manny Pacquiao.

Marquez stopped Michael Katsidis in the ninth round Saturday night at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, winning an all-action battle and certain candidate for Fight of the Year. Moments later, he turned his attention to settling the score with the man considered the best in the world.

"Obviously, Pacquiao is

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Juan Manuel Marquez, of Mexico, celebrates his victory over Michael Katsidis, of Australia, in a WBA/WBO championship boxing match Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010, in Las Vegas.

